

GOFC-GOLD Executive Committee Teleconference – 22 March 2012

Participants: Tony Janetos, Garik Gutman, Brice Mora, Olga Krankina, Curtis Woodcock, Anja Hoffmann, Skip Kauffman, Kathleen Landauer, Krishna Vadrevu, Erin Naydenov

Highlights

- CARIN considers a regional workshop in 2014
- SEARRIN leadership to be reviewed
- Article on 2011 Fire IT workshop accepted by Earth Observer
- LC IT re-activates newsletter distribution

Details

1. Regional Networks (RN)

- Olga Krankina reported on the plans for the SEERIN workshop at Sofia, Bulgaria in April and the plans for the Volga workshop, at Yoshkar-Ola, Russia in June, both are progressing well. START is currently working on a contract for the Volga workshop organizers and other related logistics. CARIN is beginning to plan a regional workshop, likely to be held in 2014.
- The participants of the Data Initiative have been confirmed and are working on their travel plans with START support. Seven candidates who could not participate in the 2012 session are being considered for the 4th session in 2013. Curtis Woodcock reported that the plans for the advanced training portion of the data initiative session and the local logistics are being finalized. Curtis Woodcock will participate in the first part of the session at EDC. The Miombo network coordinator, Natasha Ribeiro, will participate in the data initiative and will be able to discuss plans for a Miombo workshop with Olga Krankina and Curtis Woodcock.
- START confirmed with the Executive Committee that the budget for GOFC-GOLD activities is flexible and can go slightly above or below the amount allocated as required.
- Anja Hoffmann reported that the leadership of SEARRIN may still be uncertain as the new point of contact has not been responsive. Hartanto Sanjaya is awaiting approval from his institute before he can officially act as the SEARRIN coordinator. **Action:** Olga Krankina and Anja Hoffmann to discuss SEARRIN leadership with Dave Skole and Jay Samek and report back to the Executive Committee.

2. Fire IT Update

- Krishna Vadrevu reported that an article about the recent Fire IT meeting has been accepted by Earth Observer and will be available shortly. **Action:** Krishna Vadrevu to circulate article when available. The next Fire IT meeting will likely be held in the United States in March 2013. NOAA will likely host the meeting and include a half day session on VIRS data.

3. Land Cover IT Update

- Curtis Woodcock and Brice Mora reported on the plans for a LC IT side meeting held in conjunction with the Sentinel 2 symposium. The five program components for the LC IT will be reviewed and discussed at the meeting. The LC IT newsletter was recently distributed, and has received positive feedback. Garik Gutman and Olga Krankina requested that a LC IT representative participate in the Volga workshop and the LCLUC meeting in India in October. Tony Janetos was also invited to participate in the LCLUC meeting. **Action:** Krishna Vadrevu to send the LCLUC agenda to Tony Janetos.

4. GTOS/G3OS/GEO matters

- Curtis Woodcock reported that there may be a GEO FCT follow up meeting at Boston University to write the FCT documents. The meeting will likely be held in June 2012. Martin Herold is working on GEO global land cover and land change initiative, and may participate in a meeting held at Geneva in early May.

5. Any other business

- The text telcon is planned for 26 April

6. List of Documents Circulated

- March 2012 update of event schedule

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