

SEDAC Long-Term Archive Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m.

523 Butler Library

Columbia University

Minutes

Attendance: Robert S. Chen (Proxy for Arthur L. Lerner-Lam), Stephen Davis, Robert R. Downs, Kerstin A. Lehnert, Marc Levy, Sri Vinayagamoorthy.

Guests: W. Christopher Lenhardt, Walter Bourne

Introductions and Agenda

The SEDAC Long-Term Archive (LTA) Board Meeting met from 12:00 noon -12:30 pm, following a 10:00 am-12:00 noon joint meeting of the Long-Term Archive Board and the Columbia University Libraries and Information Services staff on Long-Term Digital Preservation at Columbia University. The participants had previously introduced themselves during the initial meeting. The agenda for the SEDAC LTA Board Meeting was amended to include a presentation by the Chair on the "SEDAC Long-Term Archive Status and VITAL Implementation".

Review of Minutes

The LTA Board reviewed the draft minutes from the SEDAC Long-Term Archive Board Meeting of July 6, 2006, and approved the minutes without modifications. The Chair will post the minutes on the LTA website.

SEDAC Long-Term Archive Status and VITAL Implementation

During the presentation by the Chair, the organizational structure of the SEDAC LTA was reviewed along with the current roster of LTA Board members. Marc Levy was introduced as the new SEDAC LTA Board member due to his recent appointment as the SEDAC Lead Project Scientist. The Board reviewed the selection criteria for SEDAC LTA data appraisal and decided to reevaluate the data selection criteria when new candidate datasets are being evaluated for accession to the LTA.

The Board also discussed the organization of the SEDAC LTA data within the data repository system and recommended organizing the data as a flat hierarchical structure within the SEDAC LTA collection. The Board also recommended including descriptions with each dataset to record information about the previous categorization of each dataset within the SEDAC Active Archive.

Nomination of New Data Candidates

Two SEDAC datasets, listed in Table 1, below, were nominated to the Board for accession to the LTA. Both datasets are associated with the "Gridded Population of the World" series of data, which has been widely cited in the peer-reviewed scientific

literature. The nominated datasets have been superseded by the dataset “Gridded Population of the World, Version 3”, which SEDAC had released for public dissemination earlier this year. The two nominated datasets are being prepared for appraisal by the Board.

Table 1. Titles of SEDAC Datasets Nominated for Accession to the LTA

Gridded Population of the World (GPW) Version 2
Gridded Population of the World, Version 2: Ancillary Data

Next Meeting

The Board recommended that the next meeting include a demonstration of the VITAL software and ingested data. Therefore, the Board decided to postpone scheduling the next meeting until March 2007, after the VITAL software has been installed and data have been ingested into the data repository system.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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- 1) Approval of minutes
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- 3) New data candidates
- 4) Next meeting