EC telecon - 2014-08-08

Participants: Matt Pritchard, David Schmidt, Shimon Wdowinski, Eric Fielding (joined
                  late), Frantz Mayer, Chris Cosby, Scott Baker.

Minutes by Shimon Wdowinski, edited by Matt Pritchard

Called to order at 2:00 pm EDT

The meeting included discussion on the following items:

1) Update on action items:
        - Joint letter with ASFWG to NASA for access to Radarsat-2 data (sent!);
        - Arrangement with NGA is still on hold;

2) Use of remaining Earthscope funds (total about $68k) (i) about 29k euros for TSX data
were transferred to DLR, (ii) support for short courses (about $20k – or $10k for each of
the GMTSAR and ISCE courses) and staff time (about $10k). The understanding is that
by supporting the shortcourses in 2014 there will be funds available for InSAR courses in
2015.

3) A request for supplemental funding was sent to NASA and NSF (no response yet). The
proposal was put together in a few days to take advantage of a potential opportunity at the
end of the fiscal year, so wide community input could not be sought. But the proposal
involved items that we have talked about in several EC telecons.

4) Making user-provided interferograms available at UNAVCO -- Scott made a good
progress with the standard interferogram format. He hopes to have prototype in a few
weeks. EC member complemented Scott on the quality of his work.

5) WInSAR newsletter – suggestions to revise the newsletter included: (i) revise the
paragraph about the elections (to remind people of their responsibility to participate), and
(ii) add information about available datasets that are hidden in the link to Scott's pdf.

6) WInSAR elections
        - Membership list updated
        - Nomination committee will be past EC chairs (Falk, Eric), Matt, and someone
             from UNAVCO (Meghan Miller)
        - Send nomination suggestions to Matt by Sept. 3

7) Notes from IGARSS meeting
        Franz interview with Shimada was edited and included in the newsletter

8) Update on plans for managing TSX and RSAT-2 data for Supersites (Scott)
        - Data was will be added to the Sinabung event (I couldn't hear the name of the
          event)
        - It was decided that supersite data should be stored on WInSAR machines for

now (even though data access is through non-WInSAR members in some cases)

9) Review TSX tasking – There is a need to revise the list and check if all background request are needed. This will occur at the next telecom.

10) Updates from Scott on InSAR software wiki
      - Only WinSAR members have access to update the wiki
      - The idea is to port the old Roi-Pac wiki to the new one. But there are some problems with attached files.
      - Paul Rosen liked the wiki idea and suggested that all related software will use similar wiki.

11) Upcoming meetings (mentioned in the newsletter)– NISAR Applications (Oct), Fringe, ISRSE (TSX special session)

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Action items:
      Matt ant the nomination committee will continue to compile nominations for the next WInSAR EC

      WInSAR EC will review existing WInSAR tasking requests for TSX during the next telecom with help from Scott

      Plan for the December Annual meeting