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Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2007 12:13 PM
To: rwaide@lternet.edu
Cc: rgropp; skatz@aibs.org
Subject: Invitation to the LTER Network Office to participate in COPUS and Year of Science 2009
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Attachments: Year of Science 2009 flyer Jan 07.pdf; COPUS flyer Jan 2007.pdf

Dear Bob:

The AIBS Board and I are writing to let you know about--and hopefully have the LTER Network participate in--two national initiatives that AIBS has helped get underway: COPUS – the Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science – and Year of Science 2009. (Last fall you had contacted Rob Gropp about potential LTER Network involvement in COPUS.) The other organizations with whom we are working to organize these projects include the National Academy of Sciences and the National Science Teachers Association.

COPUS is a collaborative project of the scientific research and education community. Organizations in COPUS form a national network, sharing resources and leveraging efforts to achieve a greater public understanding of the nature of science and its value to society. To learn more about COPUS and how to participate, see the attached flyer and visit: www.copusproject.org.

Year of Science 2009 is a national year-long celebration of science being organized by COPUS and other scientific organizations to engage the public in science and improve public understanding about the nature and processes of science. To learn more about Year of Science 2009 and how to participate, see the attached flyer and visit: www.yearofscience2009.org.

Signing up for either activity enrolls you in the other. NCEAS has recently enrolled, and we are in the process of inviting NEON Inc. The complete list of participating organizations to date can be found here: <http://www.yearofscience2009.org/list-of-participating-organizations.html>.

These projects and others will be on the agenda for the AIBS Council meeting this May 15 - 16 -- see <http://www.aibs.org/council-news/>, to which we invite the LTER Network to send a representative.

Sincerely,

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- AIBS 2007 Annual Meeting: Evolutionary Biology and Human Health, 14 - 15 May in Washington DC; register at http://www.aibs.org/annual-meeting/annual_meeting_2007.html

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From: Dybas, Cheryl L. [cdybas@nsf.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 5:23 AM
To: rwaide@lternet.edu
Subject: FW: "Live Science"
Attachments: LiveScience collaboration summary for NSF.doc

Hi, Bob, FYI on the below, also, if you could be of any help, would much appreciate!
Cheryl

From: Dybas, Cheryl L.
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 6:30 PM
To: Gholz, Henry L.
Subject: "Live Science"

Hi, Henry, are there folks in the LTER network whom you think might like to participate in this? This is something that came up earlier on in OLPA, and has not really "taken off" as yet.

We have enough to manage to fill our own efforts and web site much of the time, but an agreement has been made with "Live Science" that we would provide content for it, via this mechanism, as well.

Thanks for any thoughts you might have,
Cheryl

<<LiveScience collaboration summary for NSF.doc>>

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From: John J. Magnuson [jjmagnus@wisc.edu]
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2007 1:59 PM
To: Robert B. Waide
Cc: Phil Robertson
Subject: Re: Draft outline of LNO renewal proposal

Looks like a lot to me and is future think for the network activities.

thoughts on other things.

1. The continuing issue of LNO visibility at the sites. Electronic visits to the sites by you and occasional in-person visits.
2. ADD MORE education. E.G. Using video conference facilities and streaming video to establish cross-site short courses or seminars. Examples might be to use the mini symposium speakers to provide a 3-hour short course for credit across the network. Each university that wanted could add it to their time table Long-Term Ecological Research network Seminar. Zool. Bot. Geol. etc 505. Use the last mini symposium as a trial non-credit course at all sites this fall.
Add time for discussion This also seems timely.

Seems like a good project for the Education Committee or perhaps better yet a select ad hoc committee of PIs facilitated by the network office.

We could solicit ideas from the PIs for topics with the constraint that they be cross site, integrative, long-term and regional science?? how about a social science course "Topics in Social Science and Long-Term Ecological research". ETC.

3. On a personal note maybe we could use the mini sabbatical idea to write a network history. The materials are distributed as are the likely authors.
4. I like what I think is the tone of servicing the sites and the science rather than organizing them.

Best,

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On May 11, 2007, at 1:36 PM, Robert B. Waide wrote:

Dear John and Phil:

I would like to use the upcoming EB meeting to define the future interaction of the Chair, EB, and sites with the LNO renewal proposal process. I think that it is important that we at least set the timeframe and nature of the next interaction beyond the Portland meeting so we can plan for that interaction. Obviously, if we can have a substantive discussion within the EB in Portland that is preferable, but that may not be possible given the full agenda.

I enclose the draft of a document that I would like to send to the EB as background for discussion. It is first pass at the kinds of activities that we believe should be included in the renewal proposal. I emphasize that this document is to stimulate discussion and is only a first step. Could you take a few minutes to look this over and let me know if you think it will provide the EB with enough information to stimulate discussion about next steps? Is there anything you think is missing?

By a copy of this message I request LNO staff to review this draft and send me comments.

Thanks to all,

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