

Pending Issues for the LTER Strategic Plan

- ◆ Growth (Robertson, Collins, Peters)
- ◆ Communication and Outreach (McOwiti, Elser, Andrews)
- ◆ Increasing Diversity (Grove, Johnson, Ohman)
- ◆ Facilitating Synthesis (Magnuson, Waide, Groffman)
- ◆ External Relations (Reed, Lyons, Hopkinson)
- ◆ Training (Henshaw, Hopkinson)
- ◆ Technology (Henshaw, Reed, Lyons)
- ◆ Funding (Groffman, Ohman, Johnson)
- ◆ Metrics for evaluating LTER (TBD)
- ◆ Informing Government (Robertson, Collins, Grove)

Additional Topics for Strategic Discussions

Growth

- How should the LTER Network grow (e.g., by duplication of existing habitats, adding new habitats, or adding new disciplines)?
- Are there limits to growth of the LTER Network?
- Should we encourage LTER-like networks?
- How do we prioritize the addition of sites and disciplines?

Communication and Outreach

- How do we make results of LTER research available to decision makers?
- What is our goal in informing the public?
- How do we maintain and improve communication within the Network as we grow?

Increasing Diversity

- How do we increase diversity in the LTER Network?
- What are our goals for increasing diversity?

Facilitating Synthesis

- How do we develop sufficient flexibility in funding to take advantage of unexpected opportunities?
- How do we encourage a culture of synthesis?
- What are the highest priority synthesis activities?
- How can we reduce the tension between sites and the network with regard to IM?
- How do we achieve a standard level of infrastructure across sites?
- How do we achieve standardization of key data sets across sites?
- How do we take advantage of opportunities to improve LTER cyberinfrastructure?

Informing Government

- How do we leverage the breadth and strength of the Network to influence funding?
- How do we respond to efforts to enhance LTER by political means?

External Relations

- How do we interface with emerging networks (e.g., NEON, CLEANER, CUAHSI)?
- What are our priorities in interacting with ILTER?
- How do we get other people to follow our lead with respect to IM?
- How do we develop the network of networks?
- How do we interact with individuals and groups that want to be part of LTER?

Training

- What are the opportunities to improve LTER science and collaboration through training?

Technology

- What kinds of technological advances do we want to exploit?
- How do we inform the development of new technology?

Funding

- How do we get foundations to support LTER?