Dear Antonio,

Thank you for confirming.

Sincerely,

Kevin Rose

Prezado Diego, Dear Kevin,
Eu confirmo minha participação.
I confirm my participation in the Belmont Forum E-Infrastructure and Data Management
Knowledge Hub.
Atenciosamente,
Best Regards
Antonio Miguel

On 06-Mar-14 3:17 PM, Diego Felipe Muñoz wrote:

Prezado Professor Antonio Miguel,

Em nome da FAPESP, gostaria de reforçar o convite abaixo para a participação no E-infrastructure and Data Management Program, do Belmont Forum.

Seu nome foi indicado pela FAPESP nessa iniciativa, a qual deve durar 18 meses, entre Setembro de 2013 e Março de 2015. A ideia é os pesquisadores indicados pelas agências participantes se reúnam periodicamente (virtual e fisicamente) para desenvolver temas relacionados à e-Infrastructure e Data Management – maiores informações no arquivo anexo.

A FAPESP deverá arcar com os custos de sua participação.

Poderia, por gentileza, indicar se há disponibilidade e interesse de participação nessa iniciativa?

O prazo para fechamento dos nomes é exíguo e estamos aguardando sua confirmação para compor o grupo da FAPESP.

Muito obrigado.

Cordialmente,

Diego Felipe Muñoz

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Dear colleague,

We are writing to officially offer you a place as a participant in the Belmont Forum E-Infrastructure and Data Management Knowledge Hub. You have been nominated to *Work Package 1: Standards,* based on your expertise and engagement with related programs and efforts. We look forward to your involvement.

Please read the description of the Belmont Forum and the E-Infrastructure and Data Management program below. **Please email me back to confirm your acceptance as a participant in the Knowledge Hub by Friday, 21 February.** Once we've received all confirmations we will circulate a list of participants. Attached is a welcome package .pdf with more details on this program. These materials can also be accessed online here.

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The Belmont Forum (www.BelmontForum.org) is a group of the world's major funders of global environmental change research and international science councils that was established in 2009. It aims to accelerate delivery of the international environmental research most urgently needed to remove critical barriers to sustainability by aligning and mobilising international resources.

The Belmont Forum has recognised that abilities to develop end-to-end environmental decision support systems are impaired by a lack of coordinated research strategies and objectives between individual infrastructures and across disciplines and scales and by the growth of "big and complex data" to scales well beyond the capabilities of traditional data handling tools. In particular it has identified a need for international collaboration on practical research that can pilot 'real-world' exemplars to improve interoperability of technical architecture and governance for data, e-infrastructure and data analytics.

As a first step, the Belmont Forum has initiated an 18 month scoping programme, to take place between September 2013 and March 2015 that aims to develop:

- More integrated communities, that are better able to collaborate on e-infrastructure challenges by building international teams and partnerships that can effectively partner with civil society to co-design e-infrastructures, data management and data-analytical challenges, and

- a Community Strategy and Implementation Plan to prioritise action to address the interoperability challenges, and integrate existing national and international research in order to promote more holistic environmental support systems.

An international Steering Committee, consisting of experts from Belmont Forum members' research and user communities, and from international organisations such as Future Earth and the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) will guide

the programme and oversee production of the resulting Community Strategy and Implementation plan.

The Knowledge Hub Assembly will begin its activities in February 2014. Each funding agency who is participating in this action has nominated approximately 10 researchers / end-users to take part in this Knowledge Hub Assembly. The purpose of the Knowledge Hub Assembly is to scope out the Community Strategy and Implementation plan for the research needed to deal with issues such as architecture and interoperability, and governance in the context of better utilising environmental data to address the challenges presented by global environmental change.

As a member of the Assembly, you will collaborate with the Work Package Leaders and other Assembly members to deliver the activities required by the Work Package(s) that you have been assigned to. Unless other agreements have been made, your relevant funding agency will pay T&S for you to participate in the activities of the Knowledge Hub. Most of these activities will be done on-line/virtually although there may also be a couple of workshops (or similar) to attend in person. Also to note, the Knowledge Hub will run until @ April 2015 with most of the Work Package activities needing to be completed during 2014.

The Assembly and the Steering Committee will be supported by a joint UK-US Secretariat (10 members total) who will coordinate and facilitate activities, carry out research and report back, and help the Assembly to prepare reports. The Secretariat will also provide the technical support for project web assets and communication, both internally within the project, and externally with stakeholders and interested parties to ensure a programme legacy.

Please email me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Rose

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