Scientific Discipline Classification VT (SDC-VT)

Meeting:	Teleconference meeting
Date and Time:	Tuesday 15 Jan 2013 at 15:00
Venue:	WebEx
Agenda:	https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/VT_Scientific_Discipline_Classification_Meetings

Participants

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- Sergio Andreozzi, EGI.eu
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Review of previous minutes and actions

The minutes from the last call were reviewed and accepted. The actions have been updated in action log.

Agenda

The discussion points for the agenda were accepted as follows:
1. Roundtable from tool operators regarding preliminary assessment
2. Open discussion regarding unified classification
3. Defining procedure for revising the classification
4. Final report (introduction)
5. Action summary
6. Schedule next call
7. Any other business (AOB)

Additional Points for Discussion

None.

Notes

1. Preliminary Assessment of Tools

SH: No information was circulated via email, so let's go around.

CD: Training Marketplace

- No foreseen issues
- Just need to agree on a classification and it can be implemented
- Up to Level 3 is fine
- Need to allow users to choose multiple disciplines

GB: CRM

- Need to have a clear mapping from the old categories to the new categories
- Should then have no technical problems if this is clear
- Agree that multiple categories need to be an option
- Currently more than 1000 records

Action 02/01 SH: Provide a preliminary mapping for review by GB

MC: AppDB

- Mapping is important
- There are many more 'sub-disciplines' listed in the AppDB (+300) – need to find common ground
- Allow for multiple selection, but also to add "other"

Action 02/02 MC: Send list of sub-disciplines used in AppDB via mailing list

ID: Accounting Portal

- Issues with microphone
- To send details via mailing list

Action 02/03 ID/AS: Provide preliminary assessment of Accounting Portal via mailing list

CO: Operations Portal

- Not on call. To be sent via mailing list

Action 02/04 CO: Provide preliminary assessment of Operations Portal via mailing list

2. Unifying Classification

SH: In the first tab of the Google Spreadsheet called 'Final Proposed' is an initial classification that we should use for adding, subtracting or modifying the disciplines. Moving forward our focus will be on this: http://go.egi.eu/lbhrc

SH: Any immediate comments?

ALL: Focus should be on the first two levels.

ALL: Users should be able to stay on the first level if relevant and select any of the next level if appropriate/applies.

ALL: Move 'Multidisciplinary' to the last category of Level 1.

SH: Add 'Other' for each scientific field in in Level 2. No 'Other' for Level 1 as any user should be able to identify with at least one Level 1 field or the classification is wrong.

MC: We should allow for multiple selection of disciplines (1st level), but also add "other" on that level. The sub-disciplines (2nd level, 3rd...) should be optional, multiple selections should be allowed, "other" per sub-discipline (2nd level, 3rd...) should not be available. If the user does not select any sub-discipline (2nd level, 3rd...), that means "other". (If the "other" is not there, the user will probably give a second thought on selecting one of the existed values.)

SH: I would not allow for an "other" option in the 1st level. It must be one of those provided.

SH: We need to find a way to encourage users to provide as much detail as possible, going all the way through the levels. One way to do this is to only offer an "other" in the 3rd level with a please specify (though that may become dangerous).

ALL: To be taken offline and continued during next call. Need to start working on the mapping.

3. Comment Procedure

SH: As the next steps are to focus on refining the classification, we need to agree on the best way to provide comments and feedback.

SH: Following the discussion, members can provide feedback in two ways:

1. Directly on the Google Spreadsheet tab 'Final Proposal':
   a. Column D for general comments and questions
   b. Column E for comments of a discipline in that row with columns F and G to provide feedback to that question.
2. Via the mailing list – VT Leader will then integrated the agreed changes.

4. Final Report

SH: I circulated an initial ToC for comments and feedback. Would like to build this report as we go where possible. It should be succinct but informative. https://documents.egi.eu/document/1514

Action 02/05 VT Members: Provide initial feedback to the Final Report ToC.

5. Decisions/Agreements

SH: Let's summarize the various discussions and the decision/agreements made:

- All classifications need to be accurately mapped to the new classification
- Users must be able to select multiple disciplines
- Each level should be available for selection
- Need to find a limit for Level 3
- Review unified classification and comment in preparation for next call.

6. Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held the first week of February following the Evolving EGI Workshop in Amsterdam: http://go.egi.eu/Evolving-EGI-WS-2013

Date and time to be agreed via Doodle poll: http://doodle.com/kpvtv2dygw5m3uw9

7. AOB

None.

Action Summary

ID	Resp.	Description	Status[1]
01/01	EGI.eu	Identify someone from the Accounting Portal to join the VT. *SH: 2 Members added*	~~NEW~~ CLOSED
01/02	JT	Circulate classification list used in Lithuania. *JT: Sent via mailing list*	~~NEW~~ CLOSED
01/03	SH	Review LT classification and include in Google Spreadsheet. *SH: Added to Google Spreadsheet*	~~NEW~~ CLOSED
01/04	Tool Managers	Provide a preliminary assessment of the technical steps that would need to be taken for and impact of implementing a new classification and level of preferred/required detail. *SH: Discussed during call – remaining tools have individual actions*	~~NEW~~ CLOSED
01/05	All	Review and comment on proposed Frascati classification. *SH: Leave this open until detailed discussion next call – Feedback to continue via mailing list*	~~NEW~~ OPEN
02/01	SH/GB	Provide a preliminary mapping for review	NEW
02/02	MC	Send list of sub-disciplines used in AppDB via mailing list	~~NEW~~ DONE
02/03	ID/AS	Provide preliminary assessment of Accounting Portal via mailing list	NEW
02/04	CO	Provide preliminary assessment of Operations Portal via mailing list	NEW
02/05	VT Members	Members: Provide initial feedback to the Final Report ToC.	NEW

The meeting concluded at 16:04.

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[1] NEW, OPEN, CLOSED, REJECTED

Minutes prepared by: Sy Holsinger, 17/01/2013

Minutes Approved: VT Leader Sy Holsinger (upon review by VT members)

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