



## Scientific Discipline Classification VT (SDC-VT)

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<b>Meeting:</b>	Teleconference meeting
<b>Date and Time:</b>	Friday 8 Mar 2013 at 14:00
<b>Venue:</b>	WebEx
<b>Agenda:</b>	<a href="https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/VT_Scientific_Discipline_Classification_Meetings">https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/VT_Scientific_Discipline_Classification_Meetings</a>

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## Participants

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- Gonçalo Borges, LIP
- Cyril L'Orphelin, CNRS



## 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. Finalise Classification
  - a. Refinements to Level 3
  - b. Open for external review
2. Final VT Report
  - a. Comments on V3
  - b. Discuss/Extract recommendations
  - c. Final review
3. Schedule Next Call
4. AOB

## Additional Points for Discussion

None.

## Notes

### 1. Finalising the Classification

SH: Two parts to discuss regarding the classification: 1.) Discuss refinements suggested by JT in analysis of level 3 and 2.) Hold an open external review for feedback.

### Refinements to Level 3

SH: JT was unable to attend during this time, so I will give a brief overview of the work done by her. Just to summarize, during the last call JT took an action to review level 3 and remove any that could be considered as level 4 and provide any final suggestions to the classification. All changes made were included in the Google Spreadsheet for review. (<http://go.egi.eu/lbhrc>)

SH: JT was able to identify several redundancies and also one mistake that had astrophysics under physics, space science incorrectly under astronomy and the whole group under physical sciences instead of natural sciences. She also filled in several level 3 areas that were “bare” using academic disciplines from Wikipedia.

SH: Does anyone have any comments regarding the work done?

All: No.

SH: GR raised some issues via the mailing list regarding the list under “interdisciplinary” (as well as some typos, which have been corrected).



GR: I just question if we should mix the more technical related categories (e.g. analytical facilities) with other actual disciplines like environmental and life sciences. I also wondered what we should do about things like “complex systems”.

SH: After some discussion, it was agreed to remove all scientific disciplines and leave the “interdisciplinary” category to areas like training, demonstrations, infrastructure development, and others that may arise during the VO manager feedback period. It was felt that mixing scientific disciplines would lead to confusion and the want to add others and that the scientific areas have been adequately covered within the classification.

SH: Would be nice to have this approach agreed by a user community prior to opening for wider comments and feedback, especially with the Life Sciences community to ensure that they are covered by the classification.

GR: I could contact Tristan to get his quick opinion.

SH: That would be great.

**Action 05/01 GR: Contact Tristan from Life Sciences for early feedback regarding the classification**

### Open for external review

SH: The next stage is to gather feedback regarding the classification. It was foreseen as part of the VT objectives to have the classification validated by VO managers and the NILs. Any ideas for the best way forward (e.g. Google Spreadsheet, wiki, word doc)?

CD: Not everyone likes or will use the Google Spreadsheet even though it would be good. Wiki may be difficult to just complete for a single VO. I would guess that a Word doc would be fine that has the list of VOs and the classification. May need to have two: one for the VOs and one to comment by the NILs.

SH: Yes, I would agree. So I will prepare two messages. One dedicated to VO managers and one for the NILs. Either way, we need to include the final proposed classification on the VT wiki page. ([https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/VT\\_Scientific\\_Discipline\\_Classification](https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/VT_Scientific_Discipline_Classification))

All: Agree.

**Action 05/02 SH: Create two messages for feedback: One for VO managers and one for NILs**

**Action 05/03 SH: Add proposed classification to VT wiki page**

## 2. Final VT Report

### Comments on V3

SH: SA provided a first review (<https://documents.egi.eu/document/1514>). MF and CO have also provided comments. Based on those and the revisions that need to be done regarding the classification resulting from JT’s review and previous discussions during the call, the final thing left to do is to better define recommendations.

Before moving to recommendations, does anyone have any further comments to the report?



All: No.

### Recommendations

SH: What the report is missing is to clearly highlight any recommendations that the VT has for the EGI management bodies to make decisions. SA proposed a few, are there any additions or comments to those?

MC: Yes, I had a previous action regarding how classification could be centrally hosted and used, as having this pulled and automated would be the best. I will send this recommendation via the mailing list for how this could work (*See Action 04/06*).

SH: Great, thanks. Are there any potential issues with this from any other tool?

CD: Well, the TPM will be manually updated because of the module that we will use via Drupal. Have we thought about how changes/revisions and how frequently this will happen?

SH: One of the main goals of this VT was to ensure that the result of the work done would limit future changes or mass overhauls. That is not to say that there won't be changes. I would say to review the classification annually. That is actually one thing that is missing, is the procedure for not only implementing the classification but how it will be maintained and updated and who holds ownership.

***Action 05/04 SH: Add processes and procedures for maintaining and updating the classification including ownership***

### Final Review

SH: This means that the week of the 18 March will be for feedback and comments. In the meantime, I will update the report according to all of the discussions and related actions. I would like to ask CD to do a final review of the report before making it final.

CD: Ok.

***Action 05/05 CD: Review final version of the final report***

SH: Does anyone have anything else to add?

All: No

### 3. Date for Next Meeting

SH: This may in fact be our last call as all future actions will bring us to the close of the VT. We will organise a call should something be needed following the comments phase and final review of the final report. I would like to thank everyone for their work and participation in this VT.

All: Thanks to you.

#### 4. AOB

None.

### Action Summary

ID	Resp.	Description	Status <sup>1</sup>
03/01	GB	Complete manual mapping of CRM entries to new classification	<del>NEW</del>
		<i>GB: still in progress – leave open; focus first on report contribution</i>	OPEN
03/07	SH	Prepare message for VO managers and circulate via mailing list	<del>NEW</del>
		<i>SH: still in progress – leave open</i>	OPEN
		<i>SH: close; moved to Action 05/02</i>	CLOSED
04/01	JT	Review Level 3 and suggest modifications	<del>NEW</del>
		<i>JT: Circulated to SH; SH made changes and added comments to Google Spreadsheet</i>	DONE
04/02	GB	Send contribution for CRM by 27 Feb <i>SH: sent and integrated</i>	<del>NEW</del> DONE
04/03	CD	Send contribution for TMP by 27 Feb <i>SH: sent and integrated</i>	<del>NEW</del> DONE
04/04	ID	Send contribution for AP by 27 Feb <i>SH: sent and integrated</i>	<del>NEW</del> DONE
04/05	SH/CO	Follow-up for OP contribution <i>SH: emailed, sent and integrated</i>	<del>NEW</del> DONE
04/06	MC	Provide recommendation how classification could be centrally hosted and used	<del>NEW</del> OPEN
04/07	SH	Integrate comments and circulate revised version of final report before next call <i>SH: circulated</i>	<del>NEW</del> DONE
05/01	GR	Contact Tristan from Life Sciences for early feedback regarding the classification	NEW
05/02	SH	Create two messages for feedback: One for VO managers and one for NILs	NEW
05/03	SH	Add proposed classification to VT wiki page	NEW
05/04	SH	Add processes and procedures for maintaining and updating the classification including ownership	NEW
05/05	CD	Review final version of the final report	NEW

The meeting concluded at 15:17.

<sup>1</sup> NEW, OPEN, CLOSED, REJECTED



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Minutes Approved: VT Leader Sy Holsinger (reviewed by VT members)

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