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Working Group: _Usability & Assessment_
Co-chairs: Frame & Tenopir
Date: June 2, 2010_ Reporting Period: May 2010____

Context: (1-2 sentences)

The success of DataONE hinges on a useful system and set of tools that allow convenient sharing and use of data throughout the data life cycle and on stakeholder willingness to share data. The Usability & Assessment Working Group provides research and input to DataONE on the range of topics related to these issues.

Mission: (1-2 sentences)

The Usability & Assessment Working Group works to insure that high quality, community-driven products and services result from DataONE activities. Activities include periodic testing of versions of the system and tools as they are being developed and baseline and ongoing assessment of data practices and opinions of DataONE stakeholders.

Major Activities, Accomplishments and Deliverables: (3-5 bullets)

- Major activity
 - Members approved and recruited
 - Held inaugural working group meeting in conjunction with the Joint CI/CE meeting in New Mexico
 - Reviewed baseline assessment of scientists preliminary results
 - Sub-groups formed with specific tasks for each
 - Major accomplishment
 - Set priorities for stakeholder assessments and a timeline for assessments
 - Reviewed scientist data needs and use profiles created by Purdue University and developed plan to extend the profiles to other earth and environmental science disciplines and other settings
 - Reviewed data requirements and instructions on member node websites and formed a plan to review those of candidate member nodes
 - Began designing questions and methods for a focused survey and interviews on tool use by scientists who contributed data to member nodes
 - Products
 - In conjunction with the SocioCultural Working Group are assisting on a grant proposal for NSF to study data needs and practices of policy makers
 - Report on baseline assessment of scientists will be distributed in fall 2010
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