March 2014 Documentation Cluster Telecon – March 20, 2014

Attendees: Ajay Krishnan, Ed Armstrong, Kelly Monteleone, Erin Robinson, Anna Milan, Phil Jones, Aleksandar Jelenak

* Agenda sent out shortly before the meeting

3) And ideas or contributions to metadata of the month – no one has anything prepared for this

2) ACDD attributes and using them in groups (or as objects)

* Ajay – question about ACDD attributes in groups – when have multiple creator\_name attribute should names be comma separated?
  + Currently only allows for a single value
  + If yes, should there be a creater\_role attribute
* Ted started work on how to organize this with ACDD – similar to examples on <http://wiki.esipfed.org/index.php/NetCDF,_HDF,_and_ISO_Metadata> and in a presentation that Ed prepared (multiple distributers)
* Phil – question about implementation – with multiple version – is it safe to use comma delimited
  + Ed – it is too soon to adopt a convention – comma is likely way to go
  + Anna – if using this to translate to ISO – it can cause a problem – comma delimited translated to multiple fields – while it should be translated to a responsible\_party\_name filed
  + Ajay – all attributes may need to be expanded to include multiple options or groups
* Alek – ACDD may have run its course – it might be time for something new – something more complex
* Phil – what versions are out for review and how can one submit comments
  + <http://wiki.esipfed.org/index.php/Category:Attribute_Conventions_Dataset_Discovery>
  + ACTION – Ed will get back to Phil about what has changed between the different versions of ACDD
  + ACDD 1.2 is still in beta and can be commented on… likely just by emailing the documentation cluster list
* But what is OCDD (object convention for dataset discovery)
  + Will be version 2.0 of ACDD
  + Alek – nothing written beyond the wiki page – expect things to start to move faster later this year
* Summer meeting sessions
  + Have session on ISO metadata in Science Data Products
  + Need to make sessions for Hack-a-thon (Anna) and Data Quality (?Ted)
  + Do we want to add a session about ACDD/OCDD?
    - We are interested but wonder if we can combine this with one of the other three sessions we have already proposed
  + We likely can have 3 time slots – need to provide Erin with placeholder information about sessions before mid-April

1) Continuation of discussion on mailing list of use of ACCD spatial and temporal bounds

* Problems is that the metadata is not updated when a program changes a file
* Software needs to handle updates to metadata
  + Group needs a stronger statement to developers when there software updates a granule
* Anna (and many others) confused as to why not including the information would be a viable option… consensus of those attending was that it wasn’t acceptable
  + Alek thinks we need a wall of shame for those who do not meet quality assessment ☺
  + Ed will keep lobbying to NOT remove attributes – his group use these attributes regularly
* Next meeting is April 17 at 2pm EDT
  + John Kozimor (NOAA) will talk about WMO metadata work