

2011 Annual NECC Meeting

March 15, 2011

Wells Conference Center, University of Maine, Orono

DRAFT Agenda as of 2/18/11

- 7:30 a.m. Registration check-in and hearty continental breakfast (provided)**
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions:**
- Judith Van Houten, VT EPSCoR PD and INBRE PI
 - Jennifer Schopf, Program Director, NSF EPSCoR
 - Michael Sayre, Deputy Director, Division of Research Infrastructure
- 8:15 a.m. Introduction of the NECC committees and members**
- 8:30 a.m. NECC Cyber-enabled Collaborative Research Programs:
(10 minute presentations with 5 minutes Q&A)**
- *NECC Metagenome Project*: James Vincent, NEBC and Vermont INBRE Bioinformatics Core
 - *NECC Little Skate Genome Project*: Ben King, Maine INBRE Bioinformatics Core and NEBC
 - *NECC Cyber-enabled genomics research*: Jennifer Specker, Associate Project Director, Rhode Island NSF EPSCoR, and URI Professor of Oceanography.
 - *NECC RACER YRI Award for “An open-access, shared database resource for eukaryotic metagenetics research”*: Holly Bik, Postdoctoral Researcher, Hubbard Center for Genome Studies, Univ. of New Hampshire, and James Vincent, NEBC and Vermont INBRE Bioinformatics Core
 - *NECC Sequencing resources*: Bruce Kingham, NEBC, Director, UD Sequencing & Genotyping Center, DBI
- 10:00 a.m. Break**
- 10:15 a.m. Workforce Development and Diversity:
(10 minute presentations with 5 minutes Q&A)**
- *NECC Little Skate Annotation Jamborees*: Cathy Wu, NEBC and DBI, Director for Center for Bioinformatics & Computational Biology and Protein Information Resource, U. Delaware,
 - *Cybertools*: Karl Steiner, NECC Executive Committee and Sr. Assoc. Provost for Research Development, U. Delaware
 - *NECC Watershed Project*: Miranda Lescaze, Vermont EPSCoR CWDD and Streams Project Director and NECC Watershed Project
- 11:00 a.m. NECC Committee Meetings (breakouts)**
- NEBC
 - Technical Committee
 - Water Research/RACER Committee
 - Executive Committee
 - Watershed Project
- Noon Lunch (provided), networking, poster session**

1:00 p.m. NECC State Projects: Fiber, Data Centers, Sustainability, and Leveraging: (10 minute presentations with 5 minutes Q&A)

- *Rhode Island Fiber Progress and NECC Website*: Jennifer Specker, Assoc. PD, RI EPSCoR, and Zahir Shaikh, RI INBRE PI, and NECC Executive Committee members
- *Vermont Fiber progress*: Kelvin Chu, Assoc. PD, VT EPSCoR, NECC Executive Committee
- *New Hampshire Fiber Progress*: Scott Valcourt, Director, Project Management and Consulting Services, UNH and NECC Executive and Technical Committees
- *Delaware Progress and Data Center*: Karl Steiner, NECC Executive Committee, Sr. Assoc. Provost for Research Development
- *Maine Fiber progress and Data Center*: NECC Technical Committee Co-Chairs Jeff Letourneau, Executive Director, NetworkMaine, University of Maine System, and Bruce Segee, Butler Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Maine
- *NECC Data Management*: Ben King, Maine INBRE Bioinformatics Core, NEBC

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. NECC Evaluation and Assessment:

- *Special Report from the Executive Committee*: Kelvin Chu, Assoc. PD VT EPSCoR, NECC Executive Committee

3:30 p.m. NECC External Engagement:

- *Communication, Outreach, and Dissemination Partnerships*: Lillian Gamache, Project Administrator, VT EPSCoR, and Vicki Nemeth, Assoc. PD, ME EPSCoR Director, and NECC Executive Committee

4:00 p.m. NECC Committee reports and updates:

- NEBC
- Technical Committee
- Water Research/RACER Committee
- Executive Committee

5:00 p.m. Planning ahead:

- Annual report & assessment discussion
- Next Track-2
- What can we do now that we could not do before?
- Moving forward with additional collaborative research projects

6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

March 16, 2011
Maine Water Conference
Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NECC participants are also invited to attend the Maine Water Conference, with over 300 participants from throughout the northeast region. (Augusta is approximately 75 miles south of Orono – transportation can be arranged for NECC members through Maine EPSCoR.) Detailed information is available at: <http://www.umaine.edu/waterresearch/mwc>

This year's Maine Water Conference will include a special session that introduces Maine EPSCoR's Sustainability Solutions Initiative (SSI), a state-wide collaboration that strives to address the emerging challenge of how to meet human needs while sustaining the plant's life support system. SSI aims to address this challenge in new ways that benefit Maine and other regions by conducting innovative research that engages diverse collaborators in developing new solutions to our most pressing challenges in sustainability.

Registration Information:

Registration for the Maine Water Conference is \$42 and includes all conference sessions, breaks, and lunch. Registration for students giving oral or poster presentations is \$25. Late registration (after March 4) is \$55. Registration information is available at: http://www.umaine.edu/WaterResearch/mwc/registration_11.html

Poster Sessions:

The submission deadline for poster abstracts is: Friday, February 18, 2011. The juried poster competition will include three judging categories: graduate, undergraduate and high-school. Non-student poster presentations based on appropriate research findings are also accepted for display. Guidelines and submission information is available at: http://www.umaine.edu/WaterResearch/mwc/call_for_abstracts_11.html

Exhibit Information:

Exhibitor fees are listed below and include lunch and registration for one attendee:
Full table (8' display area) - \$180
1/2 table (4' display area) - \$90
Registration information is available at: http://www.umaine.edu/WaterResearch/mwc/exhibitor_11.html

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