CODATA International Overview and Strategic Plan

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CODATA National Members

- **Australia**
- Brazil
- Cameroon**
- Canada
- Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Academy located in Taipei
- Czech Republic
- France
- Germany*
- Georgia
- India
- Indonesia

- Ireland
- Israel
- Japan
- Korea
- Nigeria**
- Poland
- Russia
- Senegal**
- South Africa
- Thailand
- Ukraine
- **United Kingdom**
- USA

* Associate National Membership status accepted at 25th General Assembly

** Membership suspended at 26th General Assembly

CODATA Union Members

- International Astronomical Union
- International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
- International Union of Pure and Applied Physics
- International Union of Biological Sciences
- International Geographical Union
- International Union of Crystallography
- International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- **International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics**
- International Union of Geological Sciences

- International Union of Psychological Science
- International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics
- International Union of Nutritional Sciences
- International Union of Pharmacology
- International Union of Immunological Societies
- International Union of Microbiologocal Societies
- International Union of Soil Scientists

Co-opted Organizations

- ICSU Panel on World Data Centers*
- Federation of Astronomical and Geophysical Services*
- International Council for Scientific and Technical Information
- World Federation for Culture Collections

* Currently being reconstituted by ICSU as the World Data System.

CODATA Conference 2008

- Held in Kyiv, Ukraine, 5-8 October
- About 400 attendees (about half foreign)
- Keynote speakers
  - Carol Goble, University of Manchester
  - Bohdan D. Hawrylyshyn, the Ukraine
  - Robert Jones, EGEE project (Enabling Grids for E-sciencE)
  - Mikhail Zgurovsky, National Technical University of Ukraine
- Numerous side events, meetings
  - Data Science & Materials Design Workshop
  - Symposium on Risk Models & Applications
  - Young scientists
- Session topics on GRID technologies, e-science collaboration, data policy, virtual observatories, geospatial/geoscience data, etc.
  - Problem of no-shows by Ukrainian/E. European scientists
- Presentations online at: http://www.codata.org/08conf/index.html

2008 CODATA Prize

- Dr. Liu Chuang, Institute of Geography & Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences

  – Recognized for her dedication to improved data access and capacity building in China and for the developing world as a whole

  – Significant contributions to opening up data policies in China, strengthening China World Data Centers, and developing land cover/land use data for China

  – Active in Committee on Earth Observing Systems and UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development (GAID)

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Other CODATA Activities

- CODATA *Data Science Journal*
  - Online, open access journal
- CODATA Task Groups
  - Currently 10 groups on diverse topics, ranging from fundamental constants and materials data to biodiversity and anthropometry data to polar and other geophysical data
  - 2-year renewable terms
- CODATA Working Groups
  - Currently 2 groups (roads, disaster data)
  - Established mainly by CODATA EC for up to 2 years
- Collaborative projects, e.g.:
  - Participating in ICSTI Numeric Data Citation project
  - COMMUNIA project

CODATA Strategic Plan

Recommended by ICSU in its Priority Area Assessment on Data and Information (2005) and the ICSU Strategic Plan (2006)

Draft reviewed by 25th CODATA General Assembly and key initiatives and actions approved

Final plan reviewed by the CODATA Executive Committee in March 2007; sent to ICSU and others for review and feedback

Plan endorsed by 26th CODATA General Assembly; to be finalized at next Executive Committee meeting

New CODATA Mission Statement

The mission of CODATA is to strengthen international science for the benefit of society by promoting improved scientific and technical data management and use.

Adopted 25th CODATA General Assembly, Beijing, October 2006

Approved Cross-Cutting Initiatives

1. Global Information Commons for Science Initiative (GICSI)

- Launched by CODATA at WSIS in November 2005
- Primary focus is on scientific data, in coordination with other open access information initiatives
- Close collaboration with the Science Commons
- Main purpose: how can we jumpstart the creation of a sustainable global data and information commons?
- Envisioned as a network of nodes aimed at creating critical mass of open access initiatives and data
- CODATA part of EC COMMUNIA Project
- New Task Group for GICSI EU activities

Approved Cross-Cutting Initiatives

2. Scientific Data across the Digital Divide Program (SD^3)

- Follows ICSU recommendation to address digital divide issue; ties in with ICSU strategic initiatives/interests
- Builds on linkages with GEOSS, IPY, eGY, UN GAID, UN, etc.
- Builds on CODATA Task Groups (e.g., Archiving, Biodiversity, Disasters)
- Link with WSIS e-science initiative and follow-up led by UNESCO

Approved Cross-Cutting Initiatives

3. Advanced Data Methods and Information technologies for Research and Education (ADMIRE)

- Potential technology focus, building on past TG activities and collaborative projects and larger research community interested in data mining and integration

- Addresses need for expanded collaboration and innovation on data science & technology issues

- Relatively little progress to date – to be addressed at upcoming EC meeting

CODATA and the International Polar Year

- CODATA IPY Task Group approved--same membership as IPY Data Committee
  - Met at CODATA 2006 and 2008 conferences
- CODATA recently worked with TG to submit a proposal to ICSU for a Polar Information Commons
  - Coordinated effort to focus access and stewardship efforts for data generated by IPY on high priority shared polar data
  - Strong interest from SCAR, WMO, IASC, IUGG, World Data System, IPY International Program Office—may still proceed even without ICSU funding
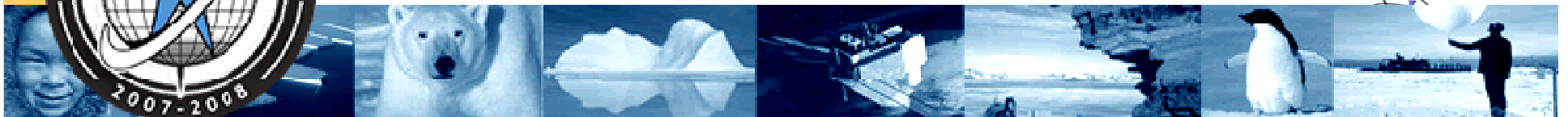
Global Roads Data Working Group

- Target: global Roads Open Access Data Set (gROADS)
  - globally consistent, spatially accurate ~ 1:250,000
  - topologically integrated and well documented
  - focused on roads between settlements (not streets)
  - up-to-date and with the possibility of frequent updates
  - freely distributed (on attribute only basis)
  - useful for development, disaster response, health, conservation, etc.
- Combining remote sensing, GPS, GIS, & crowd sourcing
- International team with UN, NGOs, academics, industry
- Both funding and in-kind contributions
  - Pilot project for Ethiopia funded via Servir African node
  - Waiting to hear about "quick win" funding from Gates
  - Larger proposal being discussed with Google

Other Strategic Efforts

- Improve Membership
  - Revitalize existing members
  - Attract new members (Europe, Africa), working with ICSU
  - Active efforts to encourage membership from the Netherlands, Greece, Portugal, Finland
- Recruit Supporting Organizations
  - Focus on data centers, networks, research institutes
- Develop CODATA Associates Program
  - Build an international community of data scholars, specialists
- Explore establishment of CODATA Scientific Academy
- Encourage involvement of young scientists
- Establish endowment fund
- Participate in ICSU data planning activities
- Work with new World Data System

Issues for U.S.

- Support for strategic initiatives (GICSI, GEO, IPY, ADMIRE, etc.)
- Help in engaging UK and other national members through bilateral & multilateral activities
  - DCC in UK is representative organization; 3 year commitment
  - Possible new members from Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa
- Support for task group/working group activities
- Assistance in defining interactions/relations between CODATA and SCCID and WDS-SC
- Help in rethinking strategy for *Data Science Journal* and search for new editor
- Engagement of new communities, disciplines, regions, sponsors