

Geospatial IG Charter (R4): Cover letter

9 March 2015

Dear RDA TAB,

We send attached a new version of the Geospatial IG, revised based on the comments in your last review (19 February 2015).

In this document, we provide a summarise of the main revisions we made.

We are pleased to inform you that, following your recommendation for wider geographic distribution of chairs, Prof. Helena Mitsova (North Carolina State University, USA) and Prof. Chris Pettit (University of Melbourne, Australia) have also agreed to join as co-chairs and contribute their expertise for our IG. This is also important for our long term plans to make sure there is enough bandwidth for us to manage the various WGs planned in the future.

Looking forward to receiving your comments/suggestions for establishing and expanding Geospatial IG activities for the future

Best regards,

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Summary of major revisions

Geographic coverage of leadership

This has been addressed, as mentioned earlier in this document.

Structure of the charter

The have restored the original structure with section headings, and integrated the text of the last reviewed version of charter.

Outcome not enough specific and not aligned with the proposed activities

In the new version of the charter we have further detailed the foreseen activities and the corresponding outcomes. Further details have been provided also on the collaboration with other RDA groups and initiatives, projects, etc. external to RDA. More precisely,

- We have created specific sections for the groups and initiatives we are already in contact with, where we indicate the specific areas of overlap and possible collaboration.
- We have then included a (non-exhaustive) list of relevant groups / initiatives the Geospatial IG will consider for possible collaborations.

Objectives of RDA Geospatial IG wrt to existing standardisation bodies (e.g., OGC), and engagement with existing stakeholders - including the statutory sector

The extended section on the planned activities and about engagement with RDA groups and external initiatives (standardisation bodies in included) further elaborates the objectives and scope of the Geospatial IG, in particular with respect to cross-domain interoperability - also in terms of platforms and technologies.

Concrete activities are listed, based on existing crosslinks and projects (such as EarthServer-2) which will contribute to the accepted use cases (while likely raising & processing further ones in addition). The range of activities spans from technology development over large-scale trials up to concrete standards development (such as Science SQL).