

CEOS-level conference

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History

- Difficulty to organize EOGEO raised as an issue at WGISS-22 (Annapolis, Sep. 2006)
- To solve that issue, initial idea to expand it at whole CEOS presented at both CEOS SIT (Sep. 2006) and CEOS Plenary (Nov. 2007)
- 3 Working Groups tasked by CEOS to write a proposal for a "CEOS-level conference"
- Submission of proposal to CEOS on (March 15, 2007).
 - Four CEOS reps provided some written feedback. More negative than positive comments

Summary of reactions from CEOS

- Very few comments received so far.
- **CONS**
 - Already too many conferences. Maybe in 1 or 2 years
 - Linked it to ISRSE (also proposed verbally by Norway)
 - Conference objectives all very good, but total sum is very wide-ranging.
 - Lot of work to prepare the agenda, organize speakers. Lack of the resources considering other CEOS efforts (WG activities, GCOS Implementation Plan, Constellations, GEO Plenary preparation, etc.).
 - Financing complicated, even with registration fees or sponsorship.
- **PROS**
 - Timely proposal
 - Forum for a wider dialogue among CEOS agencies, users, and related organizations
 - Useful venue for GEO, CEOS WG participants, and for the Constellations.

Revised Proposal

- Title:
CEOS Conference on “Space for GEO”
- Annual international conference to address various issues related to space contribution to GEO, relevant to one (or more) selected CEOS Virtual Constellation
 - *Conference prepared in cooperation with the GEO Secretariat, in the frame of a larger existing international conference / workshop e.g. ISRSE, IAF,...*
 - *Duration: 2 to 3 days*
 - *Number of participants: 100 (TBC)*

Objectives of Proposal (1/2)

- 1. Address the various aspects (technology, science, user needs, data policy) relevant to one or more CEOS Virtual Constellation(s) in the scope of GEO*
- 2. Reinforce the role of CEOS as space coordinator for GEO*
- 3. Promote CEOS and GEO to broader Earth science and applications community*

Objectives of Proposal (2/2)

4. Forum to:

- *Increase awareness of CEOS and non-CEOS participants on all aspects related to the CEOS Virtual Constellations*
- *Improve communication between various CEOS and non-CEOS actors on activities related to GEO tasks benefiting from the Constellations*
- *Discover the CEOS contributions to GEO*
- *Stimulate new contributions from CEOS to GEO*

Participants

- Space agencies, governmental and inter-governmental and private stakeholders
 - value-added companies developing applications using space data; System integrators; commercial data distributors; ..
- End-users
 - decision makers, local authority, policy makers, public institutions, scientists
- Science community
 - scientists, academia, university professors and students...
- GEO actors

Number of Participants ?



Open Issues

- Objectives of conference ?
- Topics ?
- Main focus on Constellation ?
- Organisation of conference and funding ...
- Number of participants ?

Any suggestion ?