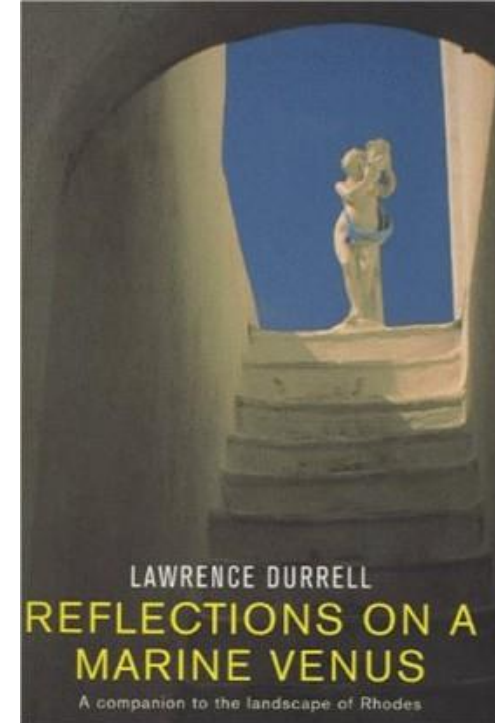# SDN-2 Advisory Board Thoughts

In preparation for the first SDN-2 annual meeting
Rhodes, 17-21 September 2012

Based on experiences, and on technical committee
reports thus far

Comments on Reports-1

Based on reports posted to the Extranet
from Various WPs:

Report on Intellectual Property Rights
> A review, with the substance to be taken up in the next report. Was this report necessary? Were there any responses except from AB?

The Task Team Report of Activities:
- Can a summary report of discussions be made available in the future? It would benefit those not in attendance, providing background on Action Items.
- Prepare a summary spreadsheet reporting Action Items related to WP deliverables and timetables.

Comments on Reports-2

The Monitoring Plan:
- We suggest that basic monitoring statistics should be available as early as possible, rather than delivered more at the end of the phased plan. This would help to guide what needs more careful monitoring and also to suppress overly ambitious monitoring.

The Promotion and Dissemination Plan:
- There was no list of proposed deliverables.
- There are useful discussions on metrics that should influence Monitoring.
- Choosing the right things to measure requires knowing what it is you intend to accomplish. The concern is in knowing when objectives have been met.

Expectations of this Meeting-1

- Which specific standards are targeted for submission for the Ocean Data Standards process? Define a timetable.

- End users are concerned about duplicate data sets. Is there a management strategy?

- How do you measure end-user experiences? Searches, downloads, analysis - are metrics linked to benefits?

- Alfresco forum for AB is up and running. Can there be auto notification of new content?

- Where can the AB find backup policies and metrics of SDN-2 partners? Is there a role for WDCs?

- User Committee would benefit by someone from data management outside SDN.

Expectations of this Meeting-2

- Who reviews documentation? (Keeley volunteers to be a documentation editor)

- Does the newsletter highlight participant contributions? It might be nice to see an article in each edition where a participant explains its activities.

- Which concrete actions are connected to activities outside Europe? ODIP, others?

- Is there documentation of test results and provenance in ODV?

- Are unit conversion formulae in ODV those approved by ICSU or some other body?

- Meeting reports must get to AB (and others) more quickly if our comments are to be useful.