Advisory Board Opening Remarks

SeaDataNet-2 Final Meeting
16, 17 Sep, 2015
Brest

First, and foremost, a big round of applause for all your accomplishments with SeaDataNet!

You have created a massive online resource of critical data.

You have provided the underlying information infrastructure, (harvesting, access, analysis tools, training) to provide real value to a growing international audience.

You have created a working community of talented and devoted members from a broad range of backgrounds and disciplines.

SeaDataNet provides a role model for international collaboration, with success furthered by a combination of technical and social skills, plus organization and hard work.

We look forward to a number of specific discussions during the next two days, and beyond

The AB has a number of questions as we consider the future of what you have built. These revolve around certain central issues:

1. Will all current SDN partners be able to sustain what has been built in their country in the short, long term? (funding, human resources, technical upgrades)

2. How will coordination among partners be sustained?

More specific questions are:

1a. What has been the most effective reporting mechanisms
    that garner broad support? e.g. Cases studies, sharing
    Experiences, ...
1b. Has SDN been able to show value to the academic,
    resource management, science and other communities?

2. What are the future technical problems that be attention?

3a. What success is there in expanding the reach of
     standards developed by SDN?
3b. How can the experience of SDN standards encourage
    a broader international effort to adopt standards?

More specific questions are:

4. Has SDN been able to "institutionalize" data management support in home agencies, EU activities?

5. What has been the national take up of the tools built By SDN?

We will be listening to your presentations looking for what you have to say on these thoughts of ours, and how you see your future.