ESPO Team Tag Up Minutes – 7/10/18

Attendees:

ARC**: QA, BB, DC, EC, KD, DJ, LJ, EJ, BL, SM, SN, AP, VS,** AT**, MV, BW,** JZ

TDY: JZ (Peru) AT (Haz Mat)

1. Intro (MV)
   * Division update – meeting next week. MV concerned about MaaS360 on non-NASA phones. Changes supposed to take place end of August. Will bring it up at the Division meeting.
2. Computers/IT (BB, DC, KD, AP)
   * Personal computers issue; registering non-NASA computers/phones.
   * People accessing the Ames server from anywhere off campus starting October 1st will need to use a VPN – all NASA centers under same mandate.
3. Manpower planning (MV)
   * Travel fast track schedule for 2018 (includes travel dates) – send updated personal travel schedule to MV ASAP.
4. Share info:
   * Team:
     1. Picnic – Aug 23rd (Thurs) from 10am to 2pm.
     2. Katja coming out July 31
     3. If there is interest in doing another ESPO calendar. Sent MV pics.
     4. Fitness challenge – want to create a team for ESPO and compete during the next challenge.
   * Inside Ames – MoonMart convenience store is open now inside of old McDonalds (open 7am-7pm)
   * Travel office – Vidal combined trip for EXPORTS and ATom and wanted the trips to be on two diff WBS’s. The travel office put them on the same (ATom) and once it has been costed it can’t be changed. Lots of new people at travel, so expect to have some additional complications while they get caught up.
5. Mission Updates
   * ATom (DJ/EC) – Getting ready for November science team meeting and debating how to best use the project reserve funding.
   * ORACLES (BL/DC) –
     1. Getting participant’s dates hammered down so that they can get their visas and travel schedules squared away.
     2. We stopped doing APAX directly unless location requests it (New Zealand and Greenland and France all request it).
     3. Sao Tome bird strike issue. Pilots want more bird abatement because a bird getting into an engine is a huge safety issue. Some airports scare birds and some shoot them. Sao Tome locals typically shoot the birds (and eat them). There was concern that we would be associated with buying bullets and killing birds. NEPA/Exports/HQ all OK with us providing airport support funds to our local support, Mario, and he does abatement as needed.
   * EXPORTS (QA/VS) – Brent and Quincy will be in Woods Hole next week. Sommer in Goddard week of 24th. Trying to get everything needed from every center to Seattle all at the same time, so there are many moving parts. The mobilization starts on Aug 6th – then they go on a 45-day cruise to sample and return to Seattle. Vidal, Brent, and Quincy will be in Seattle sorting out shipments. Big media day at University of Washington. NASA will bring 20-30 people from different organizations. Vidal will provide media day stats to MV for management updates.
   * OIB (JZ) – we are supporting OIB – Jhony and Eugenia will go first as project management. As of now no shipments, but this will likely change.

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* + CAMP2Ex (JZ/EC) – talking budgets right now.
  + FireEx-AQ (DJ/BL&QA): DC-8/B-200. NOAA P-3 in Boise. Site Visit (Aug) STM Oct 24-26, Website. Dave visiting at end of month.

1. Other Projects
   * National Conference of State Legislators (LJ) – assembling pieces and making sure they get sent down to JPL in time. Ship date from Ames is July 16th, arrival to JPL by the 23rd. Working with MTS, AJAX, and Coral Reef Team.
   * KORUS Science meeting (JZ) – end of August in Irvine at Beckman Center.
   * EPIC (VS, JZ) – not a conference, and therefore can operate as a workshop and provide food to attendees as appropriate.
   * SOFRS (VS) – bi-monthly call with Bruce and Randy on Friday – Regular call to check in and answer some questions that people are asking in the community and clarify user interface items that need some work.
2. Next meetings:  **7/24, 7/31**
3. Demos:
   * 7/24 – International medical care (EC) – Erin hurt by a sea urchin while on deployment in Hawaii, didn’t get medical care but by the time he got to Brazil he needed to see a doctor. He called the consulate to get an appointment arranged with a dermatologist. He then called NASA international travel medical group (TMH) to see if it would be covered. He went and paid out of pocket, then essentially requested reimbursement, which is not how TMH wants you to work their insurance/process. They want you to call them (TMH) first to let them know about the situation, then they will find the right, English-speaking doctor. Then they want the doctor to invoice them directly and they would handle the entire payment process. All very complicated - Check into your coverage and make sure you know more or less how it works.

**Farther and further**

*Farther* involves a physical distance. “Florida is farther from New York than Tennessee.” *Further* involves a figurative distance: “We can take our business plan no further.”