

Community for Data Integration February Monthly Meeting

February 13, 2019

Ask questions on [slido.com](https://www.slido.com), #4137

- Welcome to the February Monthly Meeting!

Poll - training topics

- Understanding stakeholder and user needs;
- Usability do's and don'ts
- Long-term sustainability strategies, planning for and measuring your impact.
- Github / best practices for version control
- Intro to R
- Tools for accessing ScienceBase with R or python
- Other (enter into zoom chat or slido.com)

A zoom window will pop up (if not, check you have the latest version of zoom).



Ask questions on Slido.com #4137

19



Top three reasons to participate in the 2019 CDI Workshop

June 4-7, Boulder, CO



Ask questions on Slido.com #4137 20



The CDI holds in-person workshops every two years. These meetings are a crucial step for focusing people, funding, and Bureau-wide efforts across the USGS on data integration tools and services, data and information management, and computational methods. Participants join to grow their expertise in handling scientific data, to propose collaborative paths to solve data challenges, and to share knowledge with their network of peers.

- Computing in the Cloud
- Data Integration for Integrated Science
- Data Management
- Data Science
- Data Visualization
- Science Communication
- Software Development

Top three reasons to participate in the 2019 CDI Workshop

#1: Join discussions on your favorite topics
in person or virtually



Ask questions on Slido.com #4137 21



ML: Number 1: Join discussions on your favorite topics in person or virtually

LH:

We know not everyone can make it to Boulder.

So we're going to do our best to make as many of the presentations and discussions available to remote users.

Not every breakout session may lend itself to virtual participation, but we'll let you know on our workshop website what is available.

Looking for people to be on our virtual experience team.

ML: Yes, if you think you can help us with ideas, set up, or facilitation of the virtual experience, drop your name in this form.

Top three reasons to participate in the 2019 CDI Workshop

#2: Be in a DATABLAST



Ask questions on Slido.com #4137 22



ML: Number 2: Be in a DATABLAST.

LH: Madison, have you been in a datablast before?

ML: Yes I have, in 2 previous CDI meetings! But maybe this requires a little more explanation.

LH: I had to look this one up on our CDI wiki when I first heard about it. A "Data Blast" is an informal poster session designed to ignite creative discussions and build community. It's modeled after a Map Blast concept that used to be held at other conferences. Actually, I think we might have made our last DataBlast in 2017 a little too formal. In past data blasts, they encouraged spontaneous posters, provided poster paper and markers, and indicated that you could mark ideas right on other people's posters!

ML: Sounds like this year we're going to have to make some changes.

LH: I think attendees should expect an even more interactive event this time.

Top three reasons to participate in the 2019 CDI Workshop

#3: The activity that YOU propose



Ask questions on Slido.com #4137

23



ML: OKay, and Number 3 of the top three reasons to participate in the workshop: The activity that YOU propose

LH: Yes, don't take this one lightly. Notice how we keep on asking you for your ideas and input - this is because actually, we really need you, to create the workshop agenda. We're providing the space, and asking people to come together, but we want you to propose discussions and activities that you can't do at other meetings.

ML: Yup, we've already received some really diverse ideas, from briefings on recent data policies to things like "the Academy Awards of USGS data" and data integration competitions.

LH: There should be something for everyone. If other ideas are coming to mind right now, feel free to type that into the zoom chat or into slido.

2019 CDI Workshop FAQ

1. Do I need to sign up in the USGS conference database?
2. How much of the workshop will have a virtual option?
3. Can I gauge interest in my topic before I commit?
4. I'm having trouble submitting content to the wiki, what do I do?



Ask questions on Slido.com #4137

24



Answers:

- 1) Not yet, since we are Mission Operational, we've been asked to use the USGS conference database only for cost tracking, but you don't need to do this until later.
- 2) As much as we can manage, but we are planning on the plenaries for sure.
- 3) Yes! Session descriptions at this point in time are proposals that may be edited/merged/expanded. We'll try to sort through all of that in March.
- 4) Check that you are logged in and there are additional instructions there to leave the description field blank until the 2nd page. If this doesn't work, email cdi@usgs.gov.

2019 CDI Workshop DataBlast Submissions

- <https://my.usgs.gov/confluence/x/9IHjJ>
- Poster boards, monitors, wireless will be provided upon request.
- Abstracts should go through normal review process for USGS employees - this allows us to share things publicly.
- We'll keep abstract submissions open until a couple weeks before the workshop.



Ask questions on Slido.com #4137

25



2019 CDI Workshop Session Submissions

- <https://my.usgs.gov/confluence/x/FIZ-J>
- Sessions are 1.5 hours long. Format is very flexible, we recommend having a mix of presented information and discussion or working time.
- Session descriptions can be modified if goals or content changes based on feedback.
- We'd like to get most sessions proposed in February so we can shuffle topics in March.



Ask questions on Slido.com #4137

26



2019 CDI Workshop

- See the latest at our wiki site (Web search 2019 CDI workshop)
 - Register your interest
 - Submit a session proposal
 - Submit a DataBlast abstract
- Any questions, ask them now or send them to cdi@usgs.gov.



Ask questions on [Slido.com #4137](#)

27



Next month, join us for a presentation of outcomes from the CDI-supported Risk Map Project, and other FY18 funded project presentations.