

Informal Minutes CCP Steering Panel (25 November 2021)

33+ attendees: chair Mark Savill; host Damian Jones and Ryan Warr gave the main techy presentation on his CCPi work as the Impact Award winner ;)

UKRI Representation notes

NERC Andrea Sharp - upgrade to the NERC HPC Jasmin <https://jasmin.ac.uk/> - note is being expanded to include other funding agencies

Aside: the DRI (Digital Research infrastructure) programme from UKRI is at; <https://www.ukri.org/our-work/creating-world-class-research-and-innovation-infrastructure/digital-research-infrastructure/>

BBSRC Richard Brown - discussed progress on their data intensive compute and management

EPSRC Sarah King - list of items discussed

1. Software for the Community call was over-subscribed - 231 IntentToSubmit applications - Panels met this week and out for reviews soon.
-"Message that funding for research software is in demand, is received loudly" and needs to be a higher priority
2. RSE (Research Software Engineering) Knowledge Integration call is out - and note UoM (under Rob Haines, part of Research ITS) is in a collaboration. Deadline next week. **MINOR ACTION done by UoM**
3. ARCHER2 is now live - note next bids for computational access/programmers out soon " 6th: ARCHER2 eCSE opens 7 Dec 2021 and final submission at 4pm 22 Feb 2022" **ACTION CCPI software dev team to consider**
4. A HEC review call will be due at end of financial year.
5. It is 'on radar' for an Erasmus replacement scheme.

MRC Anne McGavigan - part funding some of the CCPs - and gave a brief overview.

JISC Jeremy Sharpe (CPO) introduced himself and their new research strategy, <https://www.jisc.ac.uk/reports/research-and-innovation-sector-strategy-2021-2023>

= An aside discussion was on compute task force for exascale compute needs: related to Exascale Computing: Algorithms and Infrastructures Benefiting UK Research (ExCALIBUR) programme.

CoSeC Landsacpe:

Kris Thielemans gave an update on the CoSeC / SLA Steering Committee meetings (CCPs core Research Software Engineers).

-budget cuts were discussed: there are individual meetings with CCP PIs. **Action: discuss at next Exec Meeting in Feb 2022**

-input of CoSeC into the UKRI strategy (follow on from the CoSeC landscape)

-the new restructure of the report from CCPs/HECs was received okay

Barbara Montanai - "CoSeC Landscape" picture

Listed a range of CCP/ECs in Computational Engineering and also discussed the many postponed SoftwareOutlook projects: New guide is out:
<https://www.softwareoutlook.ac.uk/?q=bestpractice>

Dawn Geatches: marketing/pr.

-Praise to Ryan Warr for winning 1st place with case study release at <https://www.scd.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/CoSeC-Case-Studies.aspx>

-CCP website plans were outlined

-Request to join their Twitter https://twitter.com/CoSeC_community

= There was a "Heated (a bit)" debate on the reduction in funding from EPSRC for core CoSeC staffing.

Roadmap exercise for a PSDI pilot (Data Infrastructure for Physical Sciences)

Simon Coles, outlined the project over the next months

1. interconnectivity from national/lab and local facility data
2. centre hub with eco infrastructure system - then clusters around on topics.
3. in the next phase this should be cross-council

Action Discussion on roadmap led to filling in a mural board: XCT is represented extensively
<https://app.mural.co/t/dafni5574/m/dafni5574/1637672188178/52c9fc66ad2766f77b19c61e92bcce5db752adf1?sender=u5ef934df0e40802e01ed8745>

Ryan's award winning talk:

-Clear presentation on the colour bay outcomes with CCPi CIL.

-Next year's deadline is 11 March 2022: **Action Submit**

https://www.scd.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/CoSeC_News_CIA2022_launch.aspx

Finished with CCP roundups of next set of activities - lots discussed and people now meeting up for face-to-face again with lots of hybrid options.

Next meeting Late May/Early June 2022

yours Martin Turner