

# Workshops and Trainings

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# Status

- Green:
  - Vocabulary Mapping Workshops+  
(Advancing Domain Vocabularies, Semantic Interoperability Workshops for Ocean Observing Systems)
  - Small Science Metadata Training (OS 08)
- Yellow:
  - Small Science Metadata Training (need to take better advantage of opportunities)
  - Transitioning workshops to community

# Status (2)

- Orange
  - Transitioning workshops to the community - including expanding into more advanced semantic web products. Working on this, but not there yet.
- Red
  - Lots of ideas and opportunities, but insufficient resources to capitalize upon them

# Big Wins

- Advancing Domain Vocabularies Wksp 2005
- Sensor Metadata Interoperability Workshop 2006 and Follow-On
- Training at Coastal Atlas Interoperability Workshop 2007 and Particip. in Follow-On
- Ocean Sciences 2008 Metadata Training for Scientists
- Template for Vocabulary Mapping Workshop Available Online

# Targets

- Immediate - for marine scientists and data managers
  - 3 controlled vocabulary workshops
  - 2-3 small science metadata training
  - 2 transition workshops with community + workshop template
- Long-Term - for environmental scientists and data managers
  - semantic interoperability workshops
  - more training materials

# Issues and Needs (Technical Support)

- May need it for November workshop on semantic interoperability for ocean observing (end application modifications, MMI software improvements)
- Need identification of who will present -- and during what session - the results from the above work at Fall AGU 2008.
- Need improvements to Drupal site (global find and replace, ability to download a book with the click of a button, etc.)

# Issues and Needs (Labor Resources)

- Need leader and additional presenters to give MMI metadata training for scientists at Fall AGU 2008. Material developed. Support available.
- Similar needs for other existing workshops/conferences. Need to take better advantage of existing training opportunities.

# Issues and Needs (Financial Support)

- Need additional funding for November workshop on semantic interoperability for ocean observing (will be an expansion from the first workshop)
- More funding in general

# Issues and Needs (Community Engagement)

- Need clarification of primary focus of workshops and trainings -- scientists, data managers, or both
- Need more “training the trainers” to further engage the community and lessen the strain on limited MMI resources

# Issues and Needs (Other)

- May need to take better advantage of the MMI strategic planning process to pre-identify workshop and training needs in the community. Currently, very opportunistic.
- Need more formal link to the Guides group?
- Make it apparent that MMI materials and training are adaptable to other marine/ environmental data communities