

IMWG – Minutes 20210706 - 0600(NZST)

IMWG Agenda Items

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2. ICMS2.0
3. UNDAC ERS SIMEX2
4. UCC Sub working group.
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Standing Action points – Status:

1. ICMS 2.0 – Beta testing almost complete – prepping for release.
 - a. *ICMS 2.0 release expected end of July 2021.*
 - b. *Release 2.0 prioritised over enhancements.*
 - c. *Enhancements added as required but introduced at TL meeting once in ICMS.*
2. UNDAC ERS SIMEX2 (AP) – Fairly complicated affair again, systems used to develop SIMEX are very top heavy and impact on the Experience for USAR teams – very artificial environment.
 - a. *Significant amount of work involved for ICMS and EXCON*
 - b. *Possibly consider the idea of combining the two SIMEX's (UNDAC and USAR) after each has developed their own exercise system, to make the experience more realistic.*
 - c. *Exercises would need to consider the link as they join up in the future (UCC)*
3. UCC Sub working group – *UCC Handbook has been completed, available to review soon.*
4. Finance – *JMa to rewrite the short concept paper around allowing multiple teams to support ICMS through RS and on to Esri, to show the methodology and then forward to ERS after IMWG review.*

5. Virtual RDC – *Paper development still in progress, research indicates limited ability to perform all functions of RDC, but Team management is possible through ICMS (Teams) and some amendments to VO inputs to deuce duplication. There will always need to be an RDC as its primarily about people.*
6. VR planning for SIMEX – PW, TK, JMa – *Some work being undertaken with XVR around the development of scenarios for SIMEX's.*

Content

1. ERS SIMEX2
 - a. a lot of conversations held, very heavy admin and system requirements for SIMEX with impacts on the effect and experience of USAR teams.
 - b. Suggest that USAR and UNDAC develop separate SIMEX's based on the same scenario and provide a link via UCC to ensure that both groups get a useful and realistic experience.
2. ICMS 2.0 (2020)
 - a. Beta testing complete
 - b. Release beginning of August (earlier for teams who need it for IER/C)
3. UCC Subgroup
 - a. Rob and Solveig are part of this team working on integrating UCC and ICMS manual and function.
 - i. UCC handbook has been completed.
 - ii. Available for review soon
4. Finance
 - a. Funding paper – completing methodology.
 - b. Will send to IMWG for comment and then onto ERS
5. Virtual RDC
 - a. The management of team data via the ICMS teams' function is already in place.
 - b. John Morrison will be talking with Thomas Peter regarding the VO function and reducing duplication.
 - c. Longer term an API may allow a single export of relevant data to VO from ICMS
 - d. RDC is primarily a people and relationship, so it would be difficult to see how we could have a fully virtual RDC.

Actions Points

1. Jeff to complete Finance paper and sent through to ERS (Winston)
2. Jeff to Complete a discussion paper for IMWG around RDC functions and the links to VOSOCC

Summary

The ERS SIMEX2 work has been quite consuming for part of IMWG, with peter, Daryl and KT working on this extensively.

The focus on delivery of ICMS 2.0 is the group's main priority and the focus on any enhancements will take a secondary position until the release is complete. The overall plan is to deliver a range of enhancements as small releases, and then announce and formally release at the October team leaders' meetings.

So, a busy month, but quite a lot achieved, ICMS2.0 is very close to being delivered and a sustainable finance model looks like it might not be far away.

The inability to conduct face to face meetings is having a significant impact on the groups ability to plan and get things done, so all are looking forward to the time when we can get together as well as with our INSARAG family colleagues.

A point to note is that the IMWG members workload is limited to INSARAG functions and as such we will not be drawn into developing solutions for other partners but are very happy to facilitate collaboration and cooperation to help them achieve their needs.

A few action points to complete.

Next meeting: 0600 3rd August 2021 (NZST – UTC +12 or CET UTC +2)