

# Science Focus Task Force

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# Objectives

- Monitor and conduct project research in the light of scientific activities
  - Literature review
  - Surveys
  - Case studies
  - Prototype system development
- In order to help answer the domain and cross-domain research questions.



# Archaeological Records & Geographic Information Systems

- Interviews with archaeological research center in United States Southwest
- Literature review
- Online survey of archaeologist recordkeeping practices and GIS covering 30 countries



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# Cybercartographic Atlas of Antarctica

- *“spatially-referenced information...in an interactive, dynamic, multimedia, multimodal, multi-sensory and multidisciplinary format”*
- Records creator being investigated by InterPARES and also looking to InterPARES to help them create records capable of being preserved over the long term



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# Spacecraft Mission Operation Records

- Interviews of Appraisers and Preservers of Scientific data and records
- Validation of IP1 Appraisal & Preservation Models
- Walkthrough of the models using case study data and recording results
- Refinement and validation of the models



# Electronic Engineering & Manufacturing

- Collaboration of U.S. government agencies and San Diego Supercomputer Center
- Observation of prototype archival system that must preserve and authenticate electronic engineering and manufacturing records
- Assess InterPARES1 Preservation Model



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# Persistent Archives Based on Data Grids

- Objective: Demonstrate that the functions of the InterPARES Preservation Model can be implemented in a Virtual Data Grid.
- NARA Persistent Archives Prototype will be used to accession into a distributed archival repository OAIS submission information packages (SIPs) containing scientific data, records and metadata.
- Demonstrate migration of scientific data and records in legacy file formats to current, standard file formats.



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# Survey of Encoding Formats for Scientific Data

- Documentation of file formats, MIME types and examples of fifty file formats for scientific data in the space and earth sciences.
- Readers and Viewers for all fifty file formats.
- Survey of formal languages for describing file formats.
- Conversion tools for all fifty file formats.
- Test bed for migrating scientific data from current to standard formats.
- Methodology for evaluating and selecting standard file formats.



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# Assessing the Authenticity of an Electronic Recordkeeping System

- A decision support tool is being developed to aid records managers, information managers and archivists assess the trustworthiness of electronic recordkeeping systems.
- The tool is interactive, knowledge based and includes information about international standards in records management and information security.



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# Dissemination Activities

- International Conference and Workshop  
Presentations with multiple professional disciplines
- Publications
- Collaboration and guidance of other research and development projects

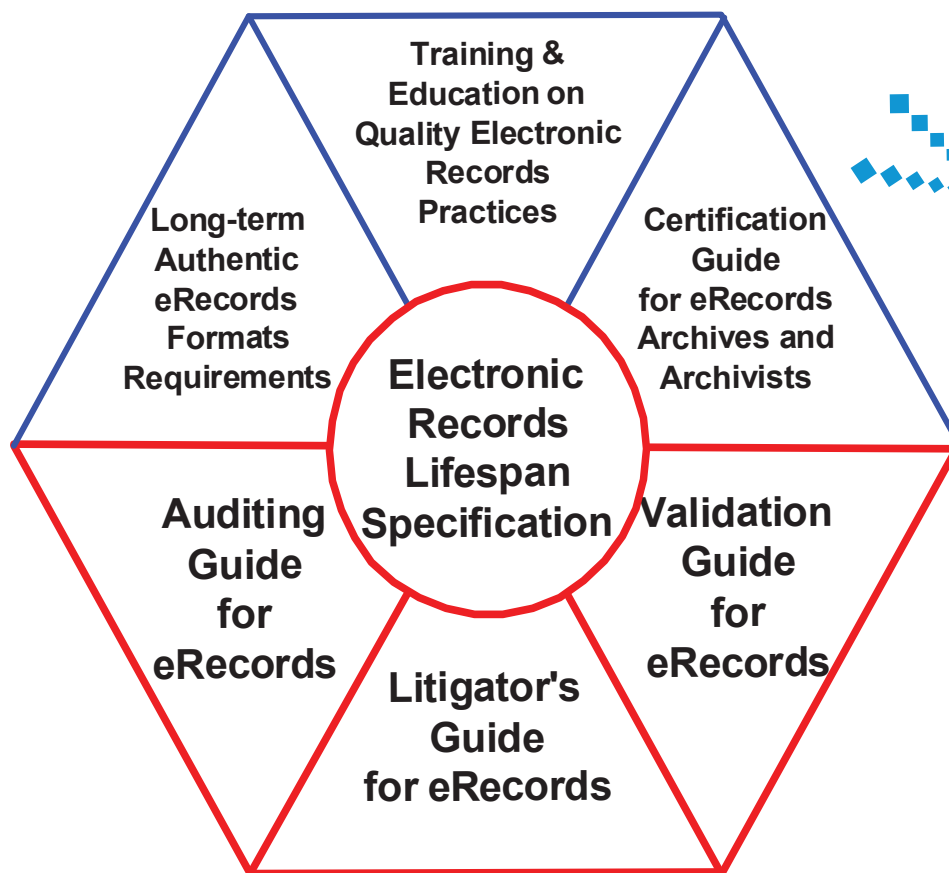


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# Collaboration with Industry



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# Preliminary Findings

- Scientists are concerned about:
  - Data *versus* records
  - Who pays for preservation, storing, and access to the records of scientific activities?
  - Funding agencies often require preservation, but don't offer methods or means
- Existing metadata schemes not geared towards recordkeeping or preservation

