

Discussion Questions for Breakout Sessions

Data

Table 1 -Has your institution been addressing data management and data-sharing issues? Is your library involved? How are other universities dealing with digital storage of various electronic data formats?

- Who is generating data?
- What types of data are generating and how much data?
- What are they doing with it now?

Web Portal

Tables 2 & 7 -What components should a web portal for e-science include?

Delivery

Table 3 -What organizational structure would facilitate regional delivery of e-science resources and services? What are essential components of regional delivery of e-science resources and services?

Staffing/ Building New Roles

Table 4 -How can our current library staff obtain the training and credentials necessary to support e-science resources and services? How interested/comfortable/knowledgeable/expert are your library's staff in understanding or contributing to the data landscape and challenges at your institution?

Table 5 -What are data librarians or data professionals?
-What kinds of qualifications does an e-science specialist need?
-Where do you find people with these skills?
-How do you train people for these roles?

Regional

Tables 6 & 9 -How can we find out about e-science initiatives in the region & facilitate collaboration among libraries/librarians and their researchers?

General

Table 8 -Given today's presentations, what roles do you see for libraries in e-science initiatives & potential strategies? What are practical approaches for understanding the scope of this issue at your institution?

- Bioinformatics and E-Science: Are they the same thing? Where are the overlaps? What are the differences?