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?