

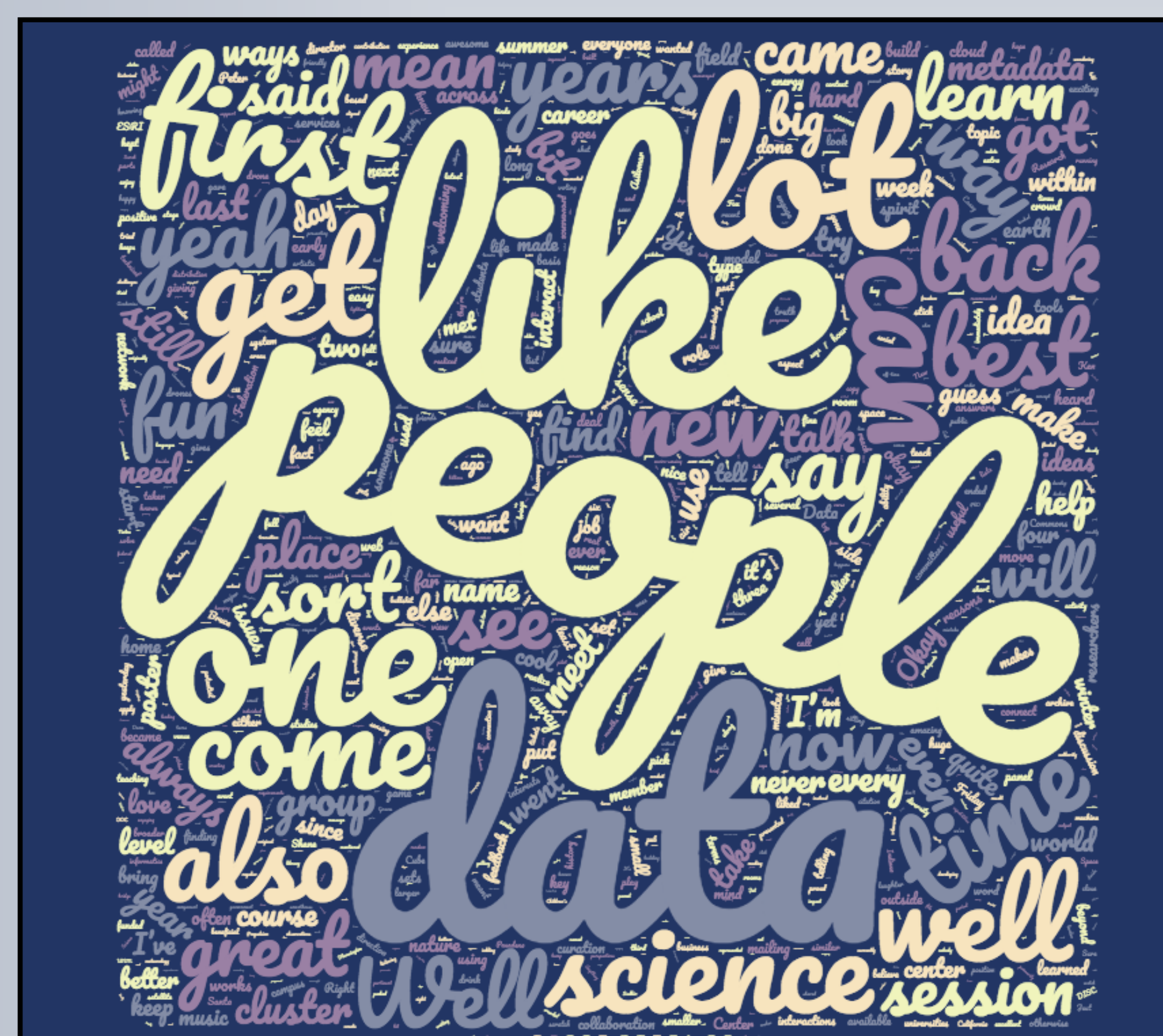


# Funding Friday Project 2017

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I try to make sure the other groups I am involved in emulate the spirit of ESIP.



There's so much that's packed into the small community, so that anytime you dip into it, you know, you always come out richer for it

It's a partnership that goes both ways.

Word Frequency						
know						
ESIP						
people						
like						
really						
data						
	50	100	150	200	250	300

Now we know that ESIP people really like data! These are the top words that appear in the stories represented as a graph and viewed via Wordle.

A watering hole for iconoclasts who feel something amiss in the day-to-day transactions of our day jobs, but then find a common belonging with fellow fomenters at in-person and web-enabled ESIP meetings.

This community solves problems. Once they realize that there's something that has to be corrected, fixed, adjusted, updated, created, built from scratch, they will dig in.

Something that sustains  
itself, that works together,  
that ebbs and flows and  
evolves and rewards its  
participants.

A heterogeneous group,  
could be distracted by  
differences, they are instead  
drawn together by their  
common passions and  
similarities

ESIP is turning 20 in 2018! ESIP participants come from many places and work with different types of Earth science data in different capacities. The federation recently collected stories from participants about why they come to ESIP and what keeps them coming back.

Whether you call it community spirit or collaboration at its finest; there is something to be captured from these individual stories, something to inform and sustain ESIP in the years to come, and something that ESIP can share with benefactors and the extended community of folks involved in collaborative research efforts.

We took the stories that ESIPers told during the spring and summer of 2017 both via the ESIP Slack channel and on video at the summer meeting and analyzed the elements of these discussions. We plan to quantify the larger ideas expressed and recognized overarching patterns and topics, as well as highlighting some exceedingly unique aspects that also contribute to the larger story that is ESIP.

### Theme Averages N=66

Theme	Average
NON-COMPETITIVE AND HIGHLY COLLABORATORY	25.5
LEARNING OPPORTUNITY	23
NETWORKING/CONNECTING	21
HELPED PEOPLE IN THEIR CAREER IN SOME WAY	19
FOUND MY CROWD; FEELING QUITE AT HOME	17.5
NON-STANDARD EVENTS	16
ALLOWING YOU TAKE BACK THINGS THAT CAN MOVE YOUR ORGANIZATION FORWARD	15
FRIENDLY/SAFE SPACE	15
MOVING THE FIELD/WORLD/SCIENCE/APPLICATIONS FORWARD	15
A PLACE TO CONTRIBUTE	14.5
SEEING THE BIGGER PICTURE/CONTEXT/LANDSCAPE, ETC	14
DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE	13.5
KNOWLEDGEABLE/EXPERT PEOPLE	12.5
PEOPLE WORKING ON THE SAME PROBLEMS FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS	11.5
COMMUNITY	11.5
PROPAGATING NEW IDEAS	10.5
WELL ORGANIZED BUT FLUID/FLEXIBLE	7
INTERACTIVE	6.5
FUN	5.5
DIVERSE CONTENT	4

*Out of the 56 stories analysed, folks like ESIP because it is non-competitive and highly collaborative. It is a great learning experience for many where people can network and connect and it is helpful for career development.*

AND NOW FOR A BIRTHDAY GAME! PIN THE PERSON ON THE QUOTE!



*Can you guess who said what? Like a good game of pin the tail on the donkey – we challenge you to pin the person on the quote! Take a push pin and name that eloquent ESIPer!*

ERIN ROBINSON

SHELLEY STALL

PETER FOX

*ESIP folks mention that Erin Robinson, Peter Fox, and Shelley Stall have rocked their world in a positive way.*

ESIP transcends time showing me past, present, and future.

ESIP brings the table to the table.

As one can easily see, ESIP has a plethora of rich textual data from members that express what is important to them about ESIP, the meetings, and the community as a dynamic organism.

We noticed prominent themes as shown in the chart to the left that communicate feelings of shared passion for solving problems, and a welcoming environment for upcoming professionals.

While we can see and quantify what is driving our participation and collaborations, what we have yet to show are the connections between these sentiments and how they relate to other aspects of who we are as professionals and individuals. Our next step is to start looking at these connections and seeking out patterns to the types of themes people tend to express. This will involve network analysis to visualize connections and we plan to dig a little deeper into our words, potentially producing a paper for the community. We welcome your insight!

It's a real framework for memes to be propagated.

It's like a drink  
from a fire  
hose.

There was something that sort of brings out that you know, sort of joyful playful creative spirit in all of us.

The rare place I come knowing that I will see old friends and make new ones, learn something new and share what I've learned with others, develop new collaborations, and leave exhausted and refreshed. Consistent and amazing.

It's an environment where you get to grow your ideas into something amazing.

The federation was kind of a founder of me - at least in the scientific sense.



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