

# GAIA MODERATOR WEB SITE

## USER GUIDE

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## GAIA MODERATOR INFORMATION

The GAIA workshops are enabled with GAIA collaboration technology to allow active participation by workshop attendees. Moderators need to be aware of the available technologies to allow full participation including making comments, sharing documents and graphics, and polling the attendees. All of this technology allows information to be extracted and recorded, so that the workshop events are available for follow-on efforts long after the conference has ended. This document describes the features of the GAIA collaboratory available from the GAIA web site, with a particular focus on what features will be used to support the workshop during the GAIA conference.

## ACCOUNTS AND USER PROFILES

Each workshop participant must login to the GAIA web page with their account in order to participate in polls, make comments, share files, and utilize other features described in this document.

### GAIA WEB MEMBER ACCOUNTS

User accounts have been assigned to all pre-registered conference participants in advance. Walk-in registrants will have to get an account and password from the Conference Support personnel. Generated user names are listed in the following format so that contributors to a session can be easily identified: "Firstname.Lastname".

### USER PROFILES

Contributions from registered users will appear on the web pages with a username attribution. On the GAIA web pages, usernames appear as links to the user profiles. User profile information can contain bios, a bibliography of published or presented papers, a link to associated GAIA blogs (if any), affiliation, the URLs for relevant websites, and any other information that a user cares to enter.

Profiles have been created for conference moderators and speakers. In order to access or edit your profile, click on "My Account" under User Functions on the left hand side bar. A sample user profile is shown below.

**Username:** [Luke MacDonald](#)

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**Affiliations:**

Johns Hopkins University Global Water Program

**Bio:**

Luke MacDonald is the Program Manager of The Johns Hopkins University (JHU) Global Water Program (GWP), a multidisciplinary research enterprise. Dr. MacDonald joined the GWP out of a belief that water lies at the intersection of engineering, science, policy, and public health and that we cannot solve problems in one area without addressing the others.

Dr. MacDonald's work concerns the role of iron oxides in controlling the behavior of arsenic. This work includes the study of fundamental kinetics of bacterially driven iron reduction, the influence of flooding cycles and iron oxides on arsenic retention in contaminated, planted mesocosm experiments, and field validation of redox controls on arsenic mobility in an industrially contaminated wetland. In many places throughout the world, such environmental transport mechanisms of arsenic are linked to drinking water supply contamination in groundwater, posing a public health hazard to millions of people.

Like the arsenic problem, drinking groundwater sources with naturally high levels of fluoride can cause debilitating skeletal and dental fluorosis throughout the world. Fluoride problems in many parts of India are severe, and Dr. MacDonald has worked to develop a prototype filtration technology with the potential to lead to an effective, sustainable treatment strategy to halt the fluorosis that is endemic in rural villages.

Alongside collaborators at Princeton University, George Washington University, and the Emerging Pathogens Institute at the University of Florida, Dr. MacDonald is currently working on a paper that proposes mechanisms for improving access to water and sanitation throughout the world through global treaties and loan agreements.

Dr. MacDonald has received numerous fellowships and honors, including a Science To Achieve Results (STAR) Graduate Fellowship from the Environmental Protection Agency, an Upton Fellowship from the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Princeton University, the National Waters Research Institute Fellowship, the New Jersey Water Resources Research Institute Fellowship, and the Princeton Environmental Institute Fellowship in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy. He was the co-author of an ENVIRON Foundation grant for fluoride mitigation and has participated in the Microbial Diversity Course at the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory.

**Education:**

Ph.D., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Princeton University, 2010

M.A., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Princeton University, 2006

B.S., Biomedical Physics, Northeastern University, 2003

**Twitter Name:** [JHUGlobalWater](#)

**Website:** [http://globalwater.jhu.edu/index.php/bio/luke\\_macdonald/](http://globalwater.jhu.edu/index.php/bio/luke_macdonald/)

## WORKSHOP SPECIFIC PAGES

### NAVIGATING TO THE WORKSHOP PAGE

The GAIA web maintains pages specific to each workshop. These can be reached from the links on the conference agenda page. Clicking on a link to a workshop page brings you into the workshop space. The image below illustrates the agenda links.

**Presentations and Discussions: [What are the data gaps and actionable information?](#)**

**Blue Track (C-18): [heat stress and air quality](#) (Cindy Parker)**

**Red Track (C-31): [sea level rise and extreme weather](#) (Tony Dalrymple)**

### OVERALL LAYOUT FOR WORKSHOP PAGES

Each workshop page has multiple elements; we'll go through them here.

#### CENTER SECTION

The top two sections of the center panel are collapsible: Moderator biographies and Rapporteur Notes. The Notes section will be filled during the workshop by an identified rapporteur or note-taker. Users can see the latest notes by refreshing their page. The bottom pane of the center section will display comments made by participants during the workshop sessions. The comments are threaded, so individual remarks can be specifically addressed by other participants.

## Blue Track (C-18): Heat Stress and Air Quality

[Moderator \(click to collapse\)](#)



Workshop organizer: Cindy Parker

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Submitted by Anonymous on Wed, 2011-03-16 11:57  
in [Tuesday, April 12th, 2011](#)

[Notes \(click to collapse\)](#)

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### Comments

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[testing linking to an earlier comment](#)

Submitted by [Christina Pikas](#) on Wed, 2011-03-16 14:04.

@Nathan in your [earlier comment](#), you said...

## RIGHT SIDEBAR

The right sidebar contains:

- a list of who is logged in and viewing the workshop page,
- a list of uploaded files for a given workshop and a link to the digital reference library.

The “who’s viewing” block lists the usernames of the participants who are logged into GAIA and are viewing the workshop page. Usernames are links to their user profiles. By default, the page will show up to 10 users. If there are more than 10 there is an option to show the entire list.

Participants can upload files, graphics, etc. to share during their workshop. This list will be maintained on your “Files on this page” block on the right sidebar. (See image.) All files uploaded to the workshop page will be listed in this second panel. A link to the reference bibliography is also available for reference.

**Who's viewing**  
There are currently 1 user and 0 guests viewing this page.

**Viewing users**

- [schaerk1](#)

**Files on this page**

- [A Human Health Perspective on Climate Change April 2010.pdf](#)  
📄  
1 week 1 day ago

**Digital Library**  
[View Digital Library](#)

## MAKING COMMENTS AND UPLOADING FILES

In the previous section, it was pointed out that there is a way to upload material for use specifically for your workshop at the bottom of the page. Uploading documents will be covered in this section. (It is highly recommended to upload all potentially needed material before the workshop begins.) Preregistered workshop participants can also use these links to load files before the workshop takes place, during the workshop, or for

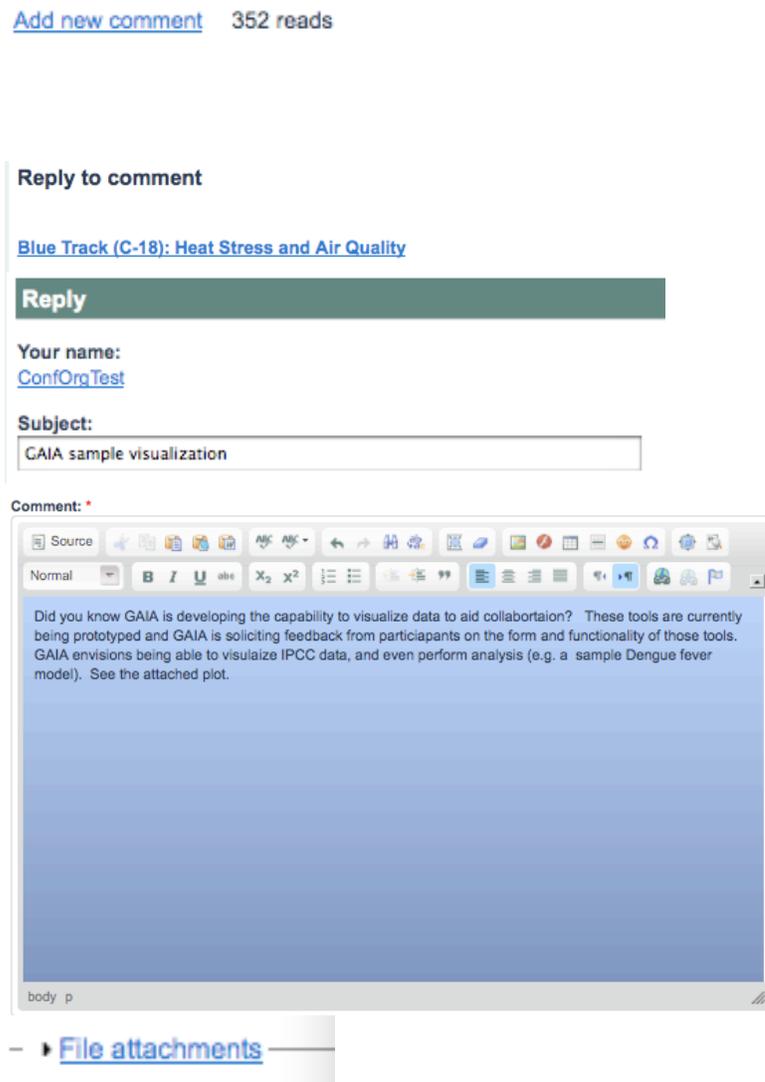
some time after the workshop has ended. It is important to understand that files are uploaded through the “Add new comment” feature in the Comments section of the center panel. This particular feature allows both file uploads and commenting capabilities.

Participants can add comments and files on the workshop page by clicking on the “Add new comment” link.

Comments should have a subject.

Users are required to enter a description. GAIA comments use a built in editor to enable formatting of information.

Comments allow for files to be attached (described in the next section).



## ATTACHING FILES TO COMMENTS

Attaching files is a two-step process. First, files are uploaded by first adding a new comment (described above). The comment description box will describe the relevance of an uploaded file to the topic at hand. Second, click on the “File attachments” link at the bottom of the page to open the file attachment interface.

Clicking on the File Attachments link opens the file attachment interface. Under the Attach new file heading, either enter the file location, or click on the browse tab to locate the file to be uploaded. Once the file is selected, click the “Attach” button.

Participants should then click the preview button to check the entries.

Once the file is uploaded and the comment is previewed, users must choose an option regarding the legal rights to distribute the file – whether the author has full rights to share, or that only limited distribution is permitted. The comment with attached file can then be saved by clicking the “Save” button.

The comment then appears on the comment page with attribution. Images are displayed in the under the comment text

▼ [File attachments](#)

Changes made to the attachments are not permanent until you save this post.

**Attach new file:**

The maximum upload size is 100 MB. Only files with the following extensions may be uploaded: .jpg .png .ods .odp.

**Copyright**

**Your legal authority to upload this file:**

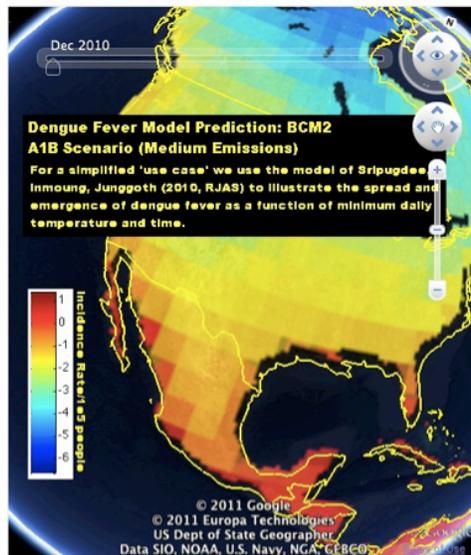
Can be distributed to GAIA conference attendees and affiliates only.

You must select an option in order to save your comment.

[GAIA sample visualization](#)

Submitted by [ConfOrgTest](#) on Fri, 2011-03-25 05:06.

Did you know GAIA is developing the capability to **visualize data** to aid collaboraion? These tools are currently being prototyped and GAIA is soliciting feedback from participants on the form and functionality of those tools. GAIA envisions being able to visualize IPCC data, and even perform analysis (e.g. a sample Dengue fever model). See the attached plot.



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Rapporteurs or note takers are assigned to each workshop session. They will note any items of significance – comments from the audience, mentioned references, issues tabled for later follow-up, and consensus opinions. Their notes are entered into the workshop page in real time. Users wishing to view the latest notes will need to refresh their workshop page in their browsers.

## POLLS AND POLL CREATION

During the workshop, Moderators may want to poll the participants. Most of these poll questions should be set up before the workshop takes place and can be guided by interaction with your assigned facilitator. It is preferred that poll questions and types are set up in advance, but if they are not, then the GAIA workshop technology facilitator can set up a poll on the fly. Moderators need to be aware that polls can be created, used, and the results can be viewed immediately. This section describes poll types and the basic administration of polls for the GAIA website.

## TYPES OF POLLS

There are three types of polls that will be used. Polls are built into Drupal, Binary Polls and Ranking Polls are enabled by the Advanced Polls option.

A **“Poll”** is a multiple choice poll with one option selected with ‘radio’ buttons

A **“Binary Poll”** can be configured to allow multiple selections, in which case radio buttons are replaced with checkboxes. Can also allow write-ins.

A **“Ranking Poll”** presents a list of options for ranking. There are two ways of scoring. A ‘Runoff’ gives 1 point to the top rank and 0 to all the others. ‘Bordia’ assigns points starting with 0 for the bottom, 1 for next-to-last, etc. up to the top. Users do not have to rank every item. Write-ins can be enabled.

The write-in option for the Binary or Ranking polls could be used to support audience-created lists with preference voting.

### Pick your poison:

Submitted by [nathanbos](#) on Wed, 2011-03-16 14:14  
Choices

- Death by drowning
- Death by starvation due to lack of arable land
- Death by thirst due to missing glacier melt
- Eaten by angry polar bear (write-in)
- (write-in)

### Rank these NFL teams in terms of haplessness

Submitted by [nathanbos](#) on Wed, 2011-03-16 14:20

Choices

- Houston Texans [add >](#)
- Kansas City Chiefs [add >](#)

Your Vote

- + Detroit Lions
- + Cincinnati Bengals

Choices remaining: 2

## ACCESSING AND PUBLISHING POLLS

In order to publish polls, first get a listing of them using the content filter.  
<http://gaia.jhuapl.edu/admin/content/node>

Use the  button to clear out whatever the current found set is.

Filter for one of the three poll types: polls, binary polls, or ranking polls.

Show only items where

status is published

type Binary poll

category

Update options

Title

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Why Attend a GAIA

Biblio

Binary poll

Blog entry

Book page

Date

Event

File

Forum topic

Image

Page

Poll

Ranking poll

Story

Check the box next to the polls you want to publish or unpublish. Choose the appropriate action in the 'Update options' menu, and press the 'Update' button.

Update options

<input type="checkbox"/> Title	Type	Author	Status	Operations
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">What do you think is the greatest extreme weather threat? updated</a>	Poll	<a href="#">nathanbos</a>	published	<a href="#">edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">What is your preferred term?</a>	Poll	<a href="#">nathanbos</a>	published	<a href="#">edit</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">What regions are at most risk for severe droughts, according to some models? updated</a>	Poll	<a href="#">nathanbos</a>	not published	<a href="#">edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">What low-lying area is at greatest risk for extreme flooding? updated</a>	Poll	<a href="#">nathanbos</a>	not published	<a href="#">edit</a>

## ALTERNATE MEANS OF PUBLISHING

You can also change the publish status from the poll's edit screen. Scroll down to the bottom and expand the 'Publishing options' section, and check the box for 'Published'. It should now show up on every page where it is enabled. Unchecking this box makes it disappear.

▼ Publishing options

Published

Promoted to front page

Sticky at top of lists

## REMOVING POLLS

Use the same method as above, but choose 'unpublish', or edit the poll directly and deselect 'published'.

## VIEWING POLL RESULTS

Published polls should appear similar to the graphic on the right. Normal users will not see the 'edit' link on the bottom; only conference organizers and administrators. After they vote, each user should see results of the poll so far. They may have to refresh their screen as new results come in. To see who has voted, you can follow the edit link and use the 'Track' tab.

**Which CC term should we use?**

Submitted by [Nathan Bos](#) on Thu, 2011-03-17 12:39

Climate Change

Global warming

Anthropogenic global warming

6 reads  
[\(edit\)](#)