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◆ **Good Reads**

Evolution of a Multisite Network Information System: The LTER Information Management Paradigm

- Wade Sheldon (GCE)

Baker, K.S., B.J. Benson, D.L. Henshaw, D. Blodgett, J.H. Porter, and S.G. Stafford. 2000. Evolution of a Multisite Network Information System: The LTER Information Management Paradigm. *BioScience*, 50(11): 963-978.

Once again we have the opportunity to use this space to showcase an outstanding contribution to the field of Ecological informatics by members of our own inner circle. Like 'Ecological Data', reviewed in the [Fall 2000](#) issue of *DataBits*, this paper encapsulates years of LTER information management knowledge and experience in one source. The central theme of the paper is the history and ongoing development of the LTER NIS, presented as a review and case study for application in other research areas. The authors also use the article to educate readers about the basic tenets of scientific information management by providing glossaries of terminology, conceptual diagrams, and lists of core design elements for developing a NIS. This is an inspiring article which should be on every data managers reading list, and should be required reading for any class on scientific information management.

