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The Inter operating data challenge: How to mine heterogeneous non linked environmental data for research and management?

Data produced by biodiversity research projects that evaluate and monitor Good Environmental Status have a high potential for use by stakeholders involved in environmental management. The lack of specific scientific objectives, poor organizational logic, and a characteristically disorganized collection of information leads to a decentralized data distribution, hampering environmental research. In such a heterogeneous system across different organizations and data formats, it is difficult to efficiently harmonize the outputs. There are few tools available to assist.

Standards (including TDWG recommendations) and specific protocols can be applied to interconnect databases. Such semantic approaches greatly increase data interoperability. The aim of this poster is to present the 2016 IndexMed workshop results (<https://indexmed2016.sciencesconf.org>) and recent actions of the consortium (renamed IndexMeed - Indexing for Mining Ecological and Environmental Data): new approaches to investigate complex research questions and support the emergence of new scientific hypotheses.



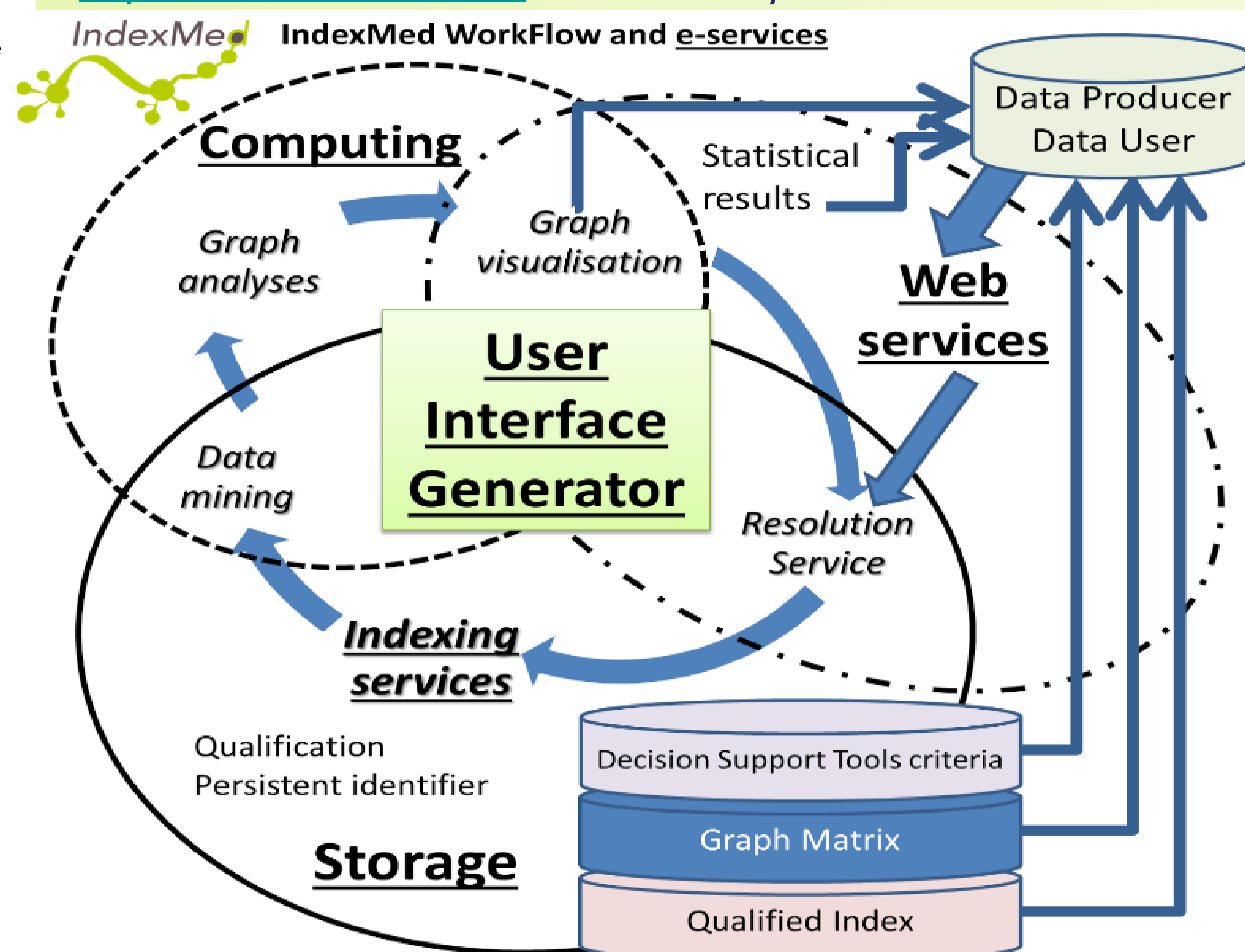
Current developments in data mining based on graphs, the potential for important contributions to environmental research, particularly about strategic decision-making, and new ways of organizing data were also discussed at the workshop.

In particular, this workshop promoted decisions on how:

- to analyze heterogeneous distributed data spread in different databases,
- to create matches and incorporate some approximations,
- to identify statistical relationships between observed data and the emergence of contextual patterns, and
- to encourage openness and the sharing of data, in order to value data and their utilization.

From last 2016 seminar, IndexMed became **IndexMeed (Indexing for Mining Ecological and Environmental Data)**. The task of the newly created consortium of IndexMeed is to index biodiversity data (and to provide an index of qualified existing open datasets) and make it possible to build graphs to assist in the analysis and development of new ways to mine data and to build new Intelligent Decision Support Systems (IDSS). Architecture of this project was defined at EGI Workshop "design your e-infrastructure" (Amsterdam) (see below)

<http://www.indexmed.eu> and soon <http://www.indexmeed.eu>



The IndexMeed project participants are now exploring the ability of two scientific communities (ecology *sensu lato* and computer sciences) to work together. The uses of data from biodiversity research demonstrate the prototype functionalities and introduce new perspectives to analyze environmental and societal responses including decision-making. Output of the seminar lists scientific questions that can be resolved by the new data mining approaches and proposes new ways to investigate heterogeneous environmental data with graph mining.

Indeed, we are delighted to invite you to the

2017 IndexMeed Seminar "SAGES DAYS"

Sciences and Algorithms around Graphs in Environment and Societies that will take place on **November 15th -17th 2017 in Paris**, at the CNRS headquarters.

Following the successful workshops of 2014, 2015 and 2016, this 4th seminar will promote exchanges between participants, the acquisition of practical methods and will explore new ways to **develop algorithms to mine graphs constructed with heterogeneous environmental data**. Thought as a collaborative space between experts in ecology and biodiversity and experts in the field of ICST, this one has the vocation of developing new research based on the approaches related to the graphs, and in particular to construct a project bearing

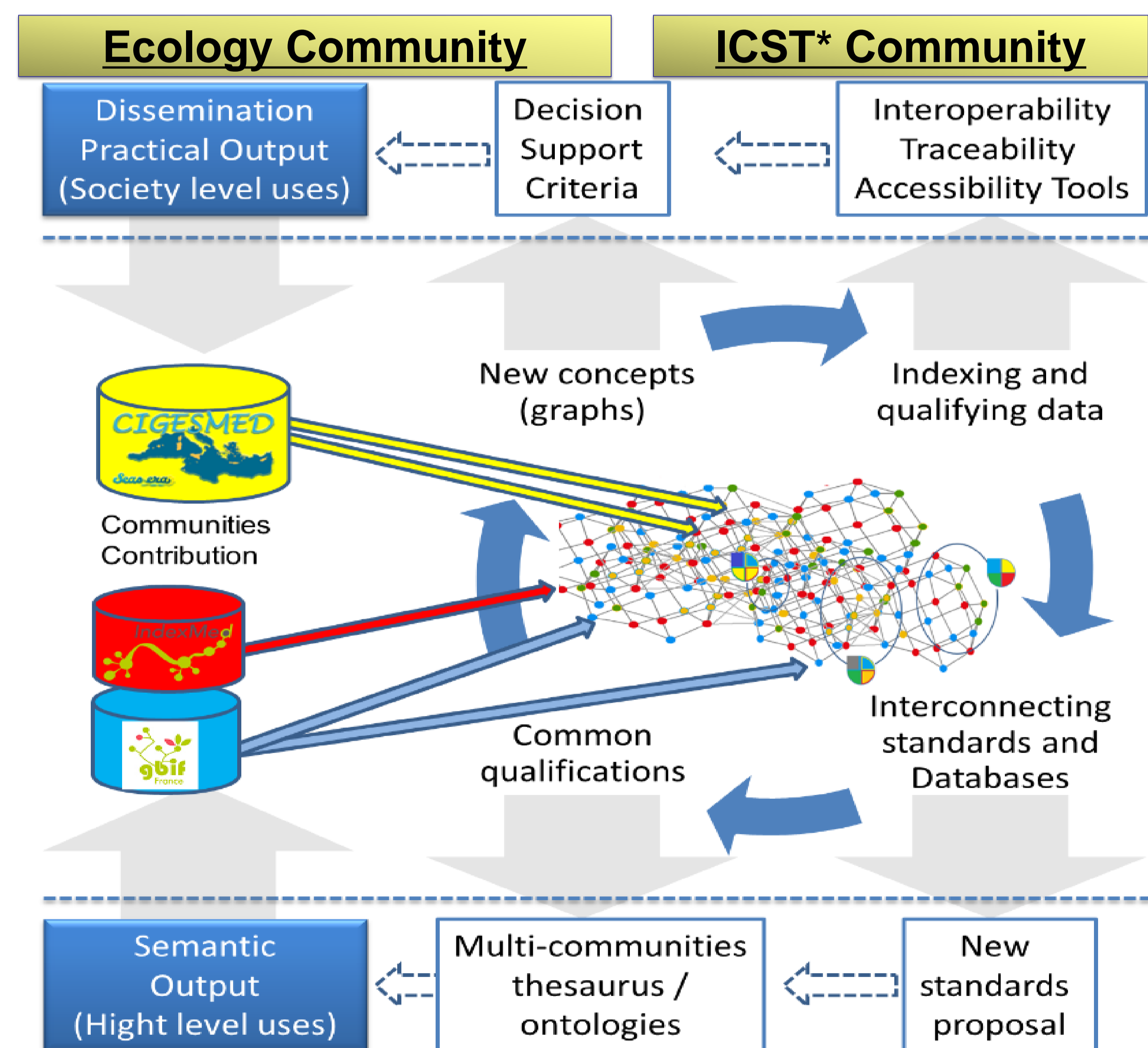
- on the **theoretical aspects (ICST) of algorithms for digging graphs** according to scientific questions and
- on the **theoretical aspects of integrating heterogeneous environmental data with a view to construct bio-scenarios** and to assist in environmental decision-making.

The 2016 IndexMeed Seminar welcomes abstracts for original oral and poster contributions until the 1st of October 2017. The online submission process will be opened soon until 1st of November on <https://indexmeed2017.sciencesconf.org>.

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2017 : inter-community actions planned



This SAGES seminar is open to all.

Registration is free and open to any researcher. PhD and Master students are welcome.

- The first day will be devoted to the results of the workshops and the exchanges between ecological researchers and researchers in ICST.
- The second day will be dedicated to a reflection in the form of workshops concerning the theoretical locks to be lifted (ICST) concerning environmental data, and the elaboration of a response to a call for projects for a specific action on the graphs of environmental data.
- A third day will bring together small groups of researchers to structure the response to call for projects according to coherent Work Packages.