OSDC PIRE 2014 Workshop 'Big Questions' Competition

Prizes will be awarded to the teams that make the most progress addressing the questions posed by Dr. Grossman in his Keynote address on Monday June 16, listed below.

Big Questions:

1) *How can we build a plugin structure so that Tukey can be extended by other users and by other communities?*
2) *How can we add partner sites at other locations that extend the OSDC?*
3) *What data can we add to facilitate data intensive cross-disciplinary discoveries?*
4) *What tools and applications can we add to facilitate data intensive cross-disciplinary discoveries?*
5) *How can we better integrate digital IDs and file sharing services into the OSDC?*
6) *What are some grand challenge questions we can pose that leverage the OSDC?*
7) *How can we make it easier for scientists to use OSDC?*

Prizes:

There will be three team prizes totaling $1000 in Amazon gift cards for this competition:

- First prize: $400
- Two second prizes: $300

Rules:

- Teams must contain people from at least two separate institutions and may not contain individuals employed on the OSDC PIRE project.
- Submissions must be in the form of 1) a short (~2 page) paper describing what has been achieved and 2) a max 5 slides which will then be presented Friday morning. Supplementary material (code, analysis, webpage) may be provided via
    1) A publicly accessible web location (such as github).
    2) A public snapshot on the Sullivan cloud labeled with a "PIRE_" prefix.
- Submissions (paper + slides) must be emailed to competitions@opensciencedatacloud.org and received by **20:00 CEST on Thursday June 19, 2014** and then presented during a 5-minute allotment the Friday morning session of the workshop.
- The judges reserve the right to not award one or more of the prizes or re-distribute the prizes according to submission merit.

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