DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

Because a major objective of LTREB funding is to disseminate data, I will use three means of making my data accessible: through the University of Chicago, via the Knowledge Network for Biocomplexity (KNB), and through the Ecological Archives of the Ecological Society of America. At the University of Chicago, I am guaranteed server space via the Biological Sciences Division Information Services (BSDIS). The BSDIS is the primary technology provider for biological and medical sciences at the U of Chicago and is committed to providing this service. The KNB is an NSF-funded program for sharing ecological and environmental data (**http://knb.ecoinformatics.org/index.jsp**). The LTER program uses this interface, as does NCEAS. Using the software Morpho, I will upload my data and data descriptions (metadata) here. Because one of my graduate students was involved in developing and implementing Morpho, I anticipate that I will be able to troubleshoot any problems related to uploading the data.

Links to these data storage programs will be available on my website. However, these existing web-based resources are independent of both my website and my academic department and will thus serve as a stable and long-term means of making my data accessible to a wide community.