meeting notes - breakout 1

How do we strengthen our relationship with GBIF, VertNet

Relationships get strengthen through activity

BISON

We don't have common overlapping goals with Bison

- because we are out of each other's scope

- but they have interesting tools

- there's no real activities that we can bootstrap from

- at the grassroots; organic, not forced from the top

- can we identify activities that would benefit from working together?

- mapping is their strength - they have tools that do this very well (limited to their use of USGS layers)

- collaboration about mapping might be one activity to zero-in on

- maybe they know more about what users want?

- Larry: sometimes there seems to be a resistance between IT groups to work together; might fit, might not, but it's work

- Renato: are we integrating for the sake of integration, or do we have an activity

- what's going to make idigbio "happy" next time we talk about interaction with BISON

- Greg: digitization practices part is a fertile area for interactions - people feel a need to find out what others are doing

- SPNCH event was popular in bringing small collections

- after SPNCH activity in Europe, they want to participate in our working group

- what are metrics that we can use to evaluate interactions?

- how do we integrate with BISON

- Greg: as long as all we have goes to GBIF, we're fine?

- Greg: are we going to give search ability to federal data in our portal?

- Austin: is there anything we have that they need?

- Greg: take up with NSF, when we talk about data about specimens, should we get all we can get? idigbio is a place where people come to do data discovery.

- Larry: how are we supposed to get Smithsonian data? GBIF gets it.

- Greg: BISON tied to GBIF

- Greg: Continue to suggest to NSF that it's feasible to get federal collections - perhaps for next proposal for next 5 years - can we claim Incremental cost of adding federal collections?

- problem is we don't want NSF money to fund SImthsonian - congress, budget, federal funding structure

- Greg: new NIBA report calls for a centralized repository

- Larry: not excited about taking observation data

- works well with birds but not other organisms

- ok as long as there are images, sound recordings?

- something there you can come back and check

- mostly e-bird

- Bruce: adding observation data explodes out requirements

- Austin - what about images and crowd-sourcing/citizen science?

- years 5-10 opens up opportunities for outreach

- Portal stories - integration stories?

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Greg: real possibility of experts looking