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