During the inaugural Worldwide Engagement for Digitizing Biocollections (WeDigBio) event in October 2015, participants transcribed labels of biodiversity research specimens using the online transcription platforms at DigiVol, Les Herbaroutes, Notes from Nature, Smithsonian Institution’s Transcription Center, and Symbiota. Hundreds of volunteers at more than 20 onsite events at museums and universities and thousands of volunteers in over 100 countries completed over 50,000 transcription tasks (more than twice our goal of 25,000).

Become a participant or engage citizen scientists in transcribing biological specimens as a part of WeDigBio 2016!

We are building upon the success of WeDigBio 2015 by improving the resources created last year to help make the 2016 event even more engaging, productive, and successful, and we encourage members of the Pacific Science Association to take part.

- Resources for event hosts such as games, planning documents, and checklists to help them prepare for the event are being updated and we are designing new materials such as undergraduate lesson plans.
- Social media for WeDigBio have maintained a buzz about the event throughout the year. This year, we are expanding our outreach to include 24-hour social media coverage and posts in numerous languages.
- Protocols by which transcription platforms could communicate data about transcription activity to the event dashboard at WeDigBio.org are being expanded to include additional transcription platforms.
- Improvements are continually being made to the transcription platforms to accommodate new, innovative transcription projects of all taxa, from all over the world – how about your collection?

WeDigBio 2016 can be a way to increase the visibility of your biological collection, engage with local citizen scientists, and expedite digitization, all while being a part of a well-publicized global event.

To learn more, or find updates, visit WeDigBio.org, on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter @WeDigBio

The WeDigBio.org homepage and dashboard.

Locations on a map on WeDigBio.org light up as transcriptions come in from around the world. In 2016, let’s see Asia and the Pacific light up with activity!

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Social media allows participants to share updates and photos.

Onsite events, like this one at the Natural History Museum of LA County, are a great way to promote natural history collections.

Transcription centers promote the event on their homepages.

Blog posts promote the event.