

iDigBio Retreat 2015



1. What are our opportunities and priorities as we move forward?

NSF: Seems very likely that iDigBio will be funded for another 5 years.

If fully funded: \$15.5M for 5 years

New cooperative agreement (EAB)

EAB -> 2 bds

IAC -> new name, not advisory

Roland Roberts to be Program Director

2. Recommendations/concerns from NSF

- a. Reaching remaining collections to 'complete digitization'**
- b. E&O**
- c. Research use of data**
- d. Sustainability**

2a. Reaching remaining collections to 'complete digitization'

We have our List of Collections

Joanna, Gil, Deb, etc. reaching out

Kept VertNet 'alive'

Explore methods (probably through working groups and workshops) of speeding up the process of digitization

Issue certificates to collections that participate in ADBC?

2b. Education & Outreach

We have recently hired an E&O coordinator

NSF suggested that we co-host a workshop with iPlant, which has outstanding E&O.

2c. Research use of data

Community engagement to promote use

Identify research tools and make them available thru iDigBio

Promote development of taxon-specific virtual portals

Data improvement*,**

Archive use of data

Attribution

*Goodwin, et al. 2016. 'Widespread mistaken identity in tropical plant collections.' *Current Biology*

** EAB recommendation: "becoming an expert community network ... to coordinate taxonomic expertise"

2d. Sustainability

Funding for iDigBio

National digitization effort: keeping TCNs engaged, etc.

From wiki:

“Converting our training materials for posterity/sustainability“

“Developing a strategy for sharing tools; E.g.,: [Biovel](#)”

“Do TCNs have robust plans for sharing and archiving developed workflows / protocols / policies (on digitization, imaging, archiving, communication strategies,...)?”

NSF: There will not be another 5 years.....

BCoN RCN

our value is key

3. Etc.

EAB to have a Science subcommittee (Research, E&O) and a Sustainability subcommittee (need to recommend members)

Future summits

- a. Emphasize use of the data in research and E&O,
less on progress at the TCNs**
- b. Natural Science Collections Alliance (sustainability) to co-host**
- c. Venue**

Role of postdocs and students in iDigBio — what are they “supposed” to be doing?

Branding: brochure and poster – to be redone