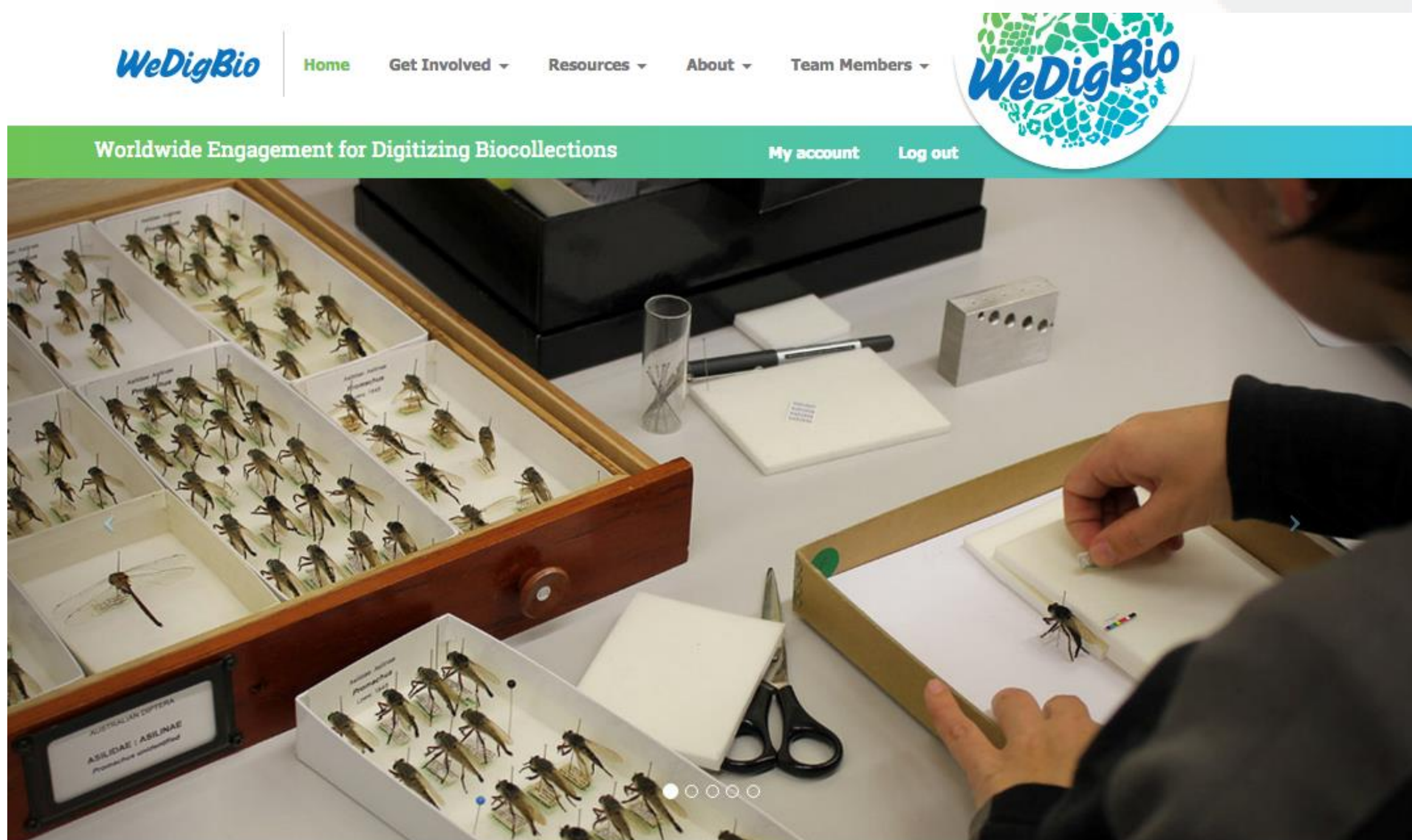




Worldwide Engagement For Digitizing Biocollections



Start Transcribing Now

WeDigBio, Worldwide Engagement for Digitizing Biocollections, is a four-day global event, from October 22-25, 2015, that will engage participants in transcribing biodiversity research collections. We need your help in this massive digitization project! Join WeDigBio and scientists around the world to transform biodiversity collections data into a worldwide resource that will enhance the span of biodiversity research across time, taxa, and geographies. If you'd like to get involved go to our [Find a Project](#) page and select the transcription center of your choice and enjoy making a difference in this global effort.

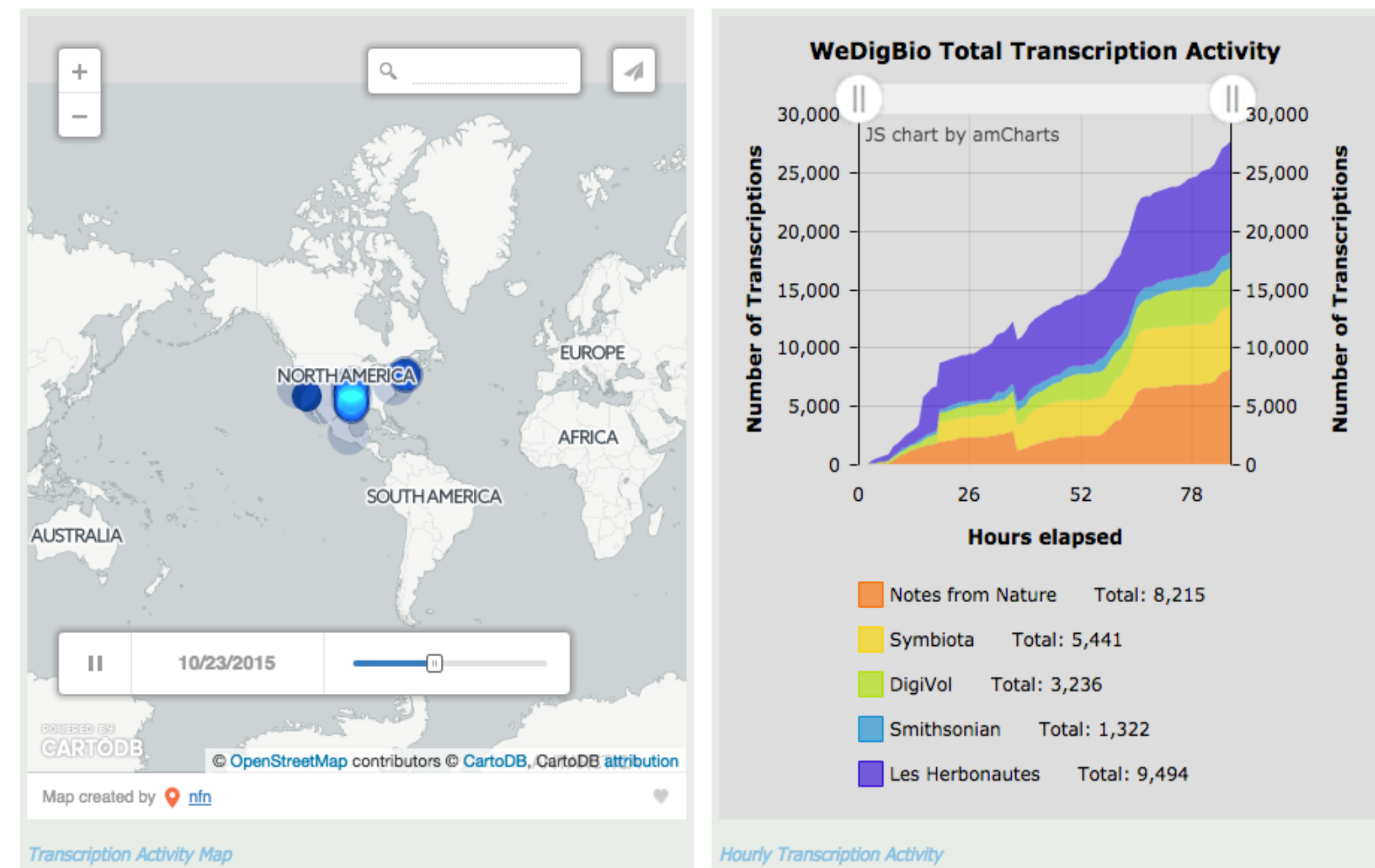
Check back often as we update this page with relevant details and updates from participating transcription centers such as the Smithsonian Institution, Notes from Nature, Les herbonautes, Symbiota, and DigiVol.

Related Links

- Onsite participant event survey
- Event images

Follow the WeDigBio event's progress on the dynamic map and chart below.

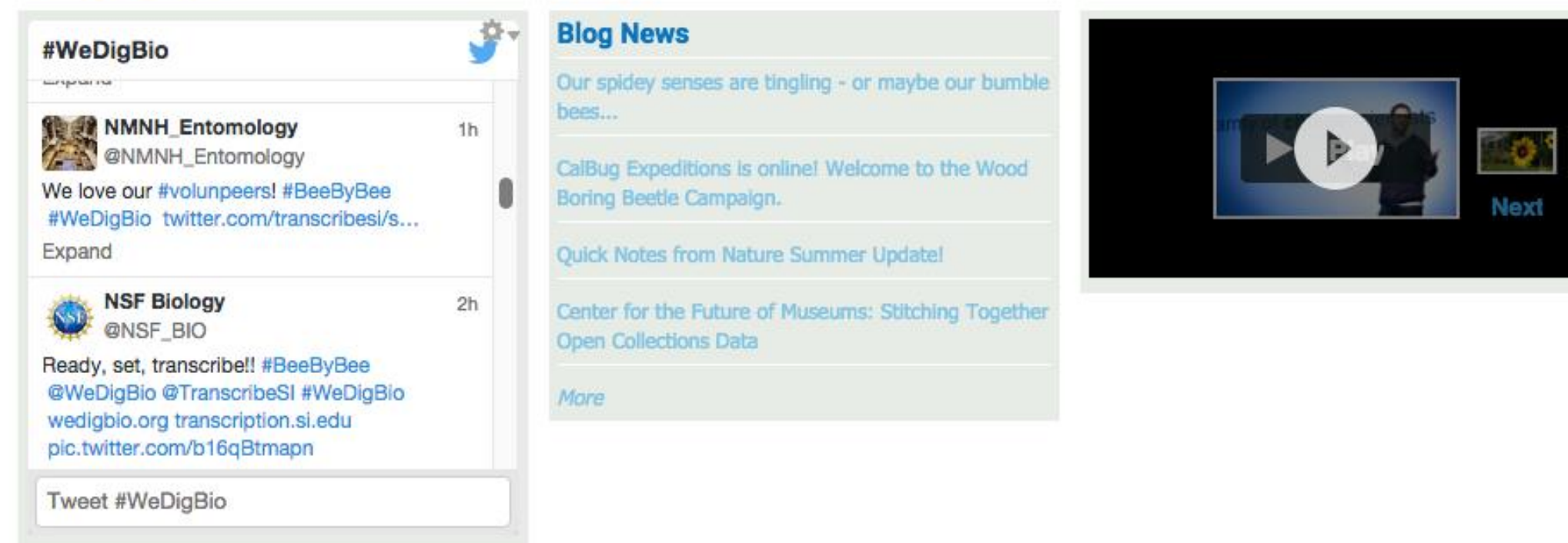
What's Happening



Get Involved

National Museum of Natural History's Bio Blitz	Saturday, October 24, 2015 - 01:00; Sunday, October 25, 2015 - 01:00 Smithsonian Institution's Transcription Center onsite transcription event at the National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. National Museum of Natural History Washington, District Of Columbia United States
The Field Museum: Unlocking Biological Collections	Thursday, October 22, 2015 - 08:30 to Sunday, October 25, 2015 - 16:30 Please register here for this event: http://goo.gl/forms/2nx55ae4eo The Field Museum Chicago, Illinois United States
University of South Florida online blitz	Thursday, October 22, 2015 - 00:00 to Sunday, October 25, 2015 - 23:00
DigiVol Online Transcription Blitz	Thursday, October 22, 2015 - 00:00 to Sunday, October 25, 2015 - 23:00 As one of the participating transcriptions centres, DigiVol will be holding an online blitz for the duration of the WeDigBio 4 day global event. digiVol.org

The Buzz



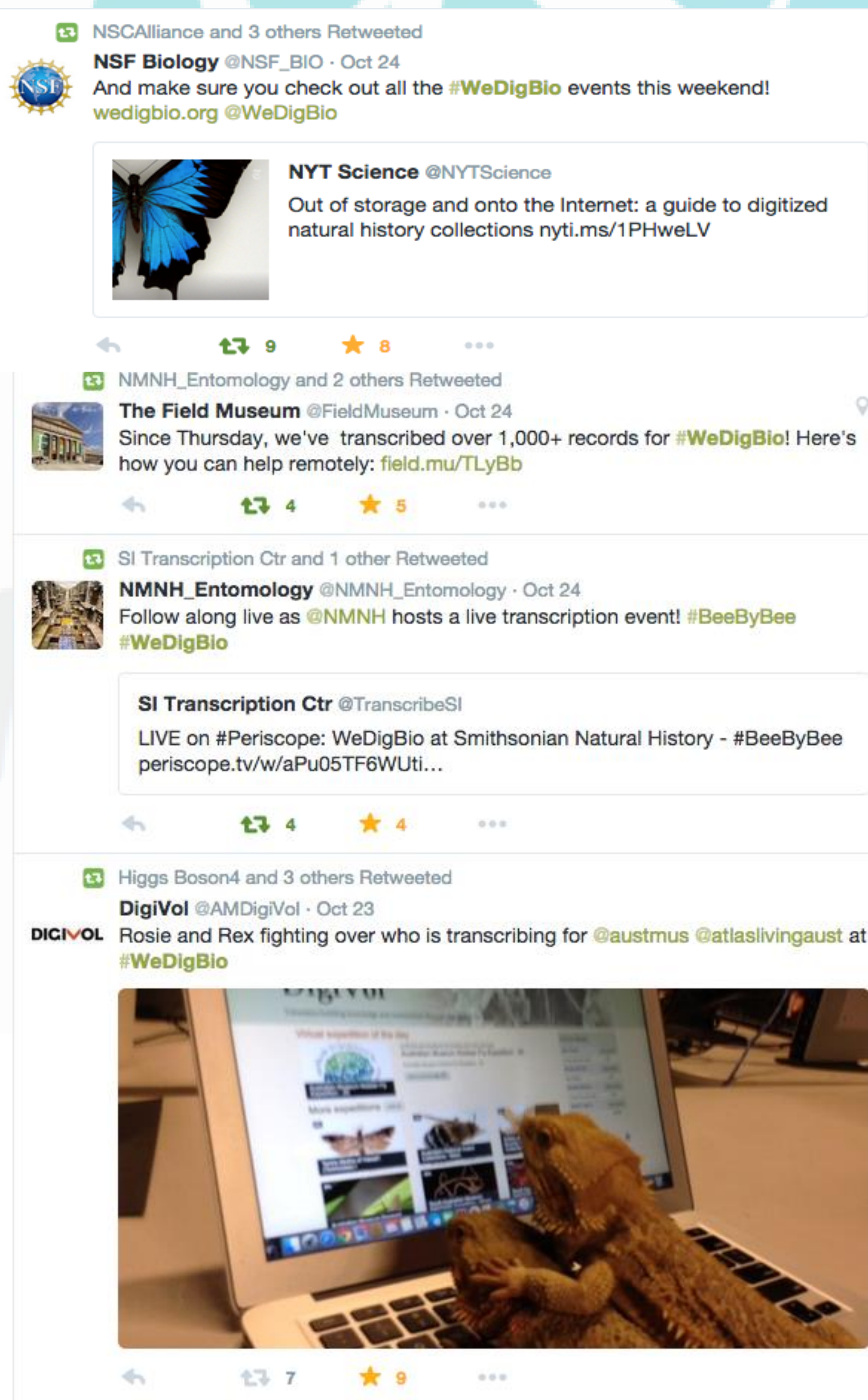
Wedigbio.org, on the last day of the event.



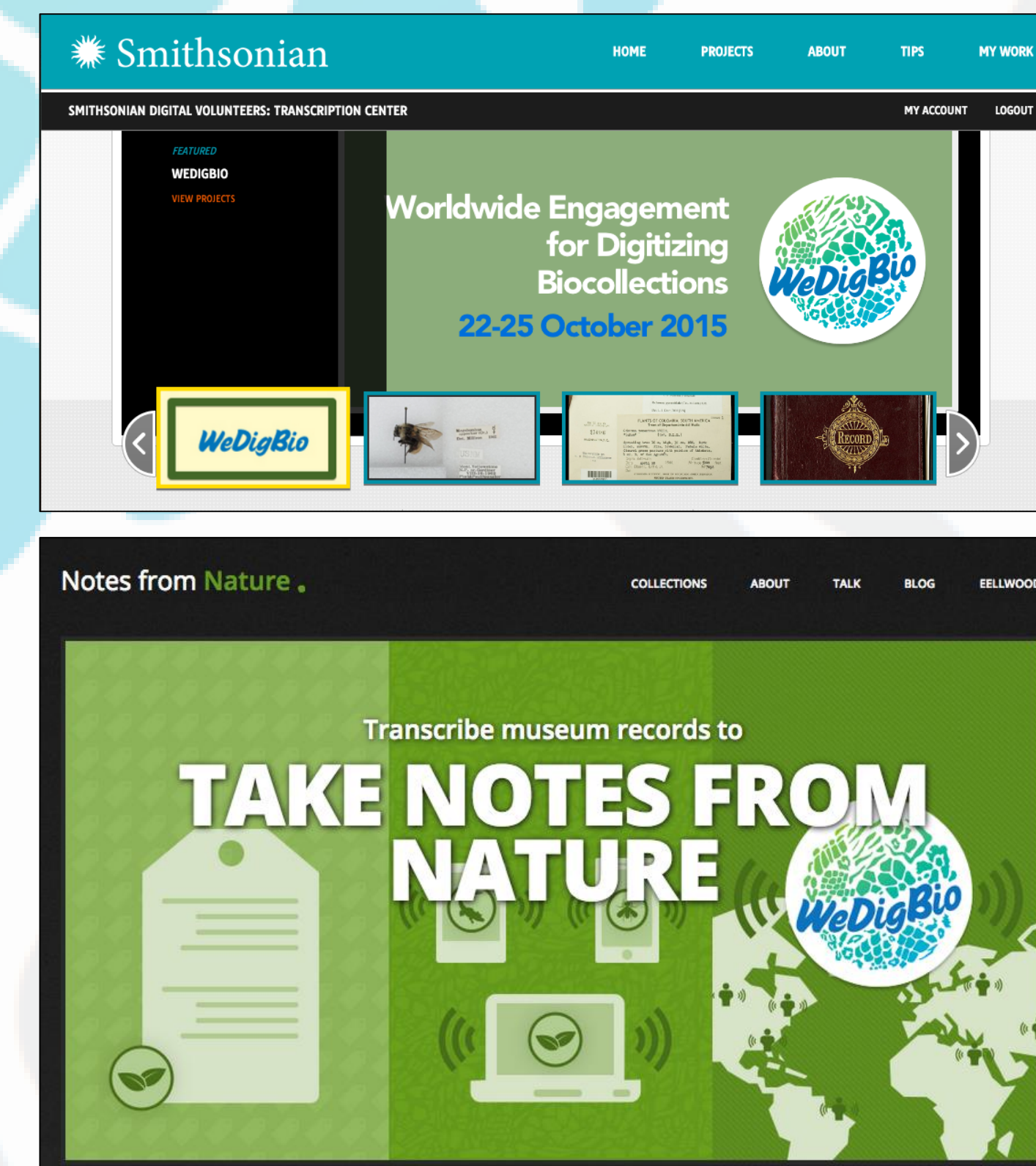
Onsite event at Natural History Museum of LA County.



Locations on a map on wedigbio.org lit up as transcriptions came in from around the world.



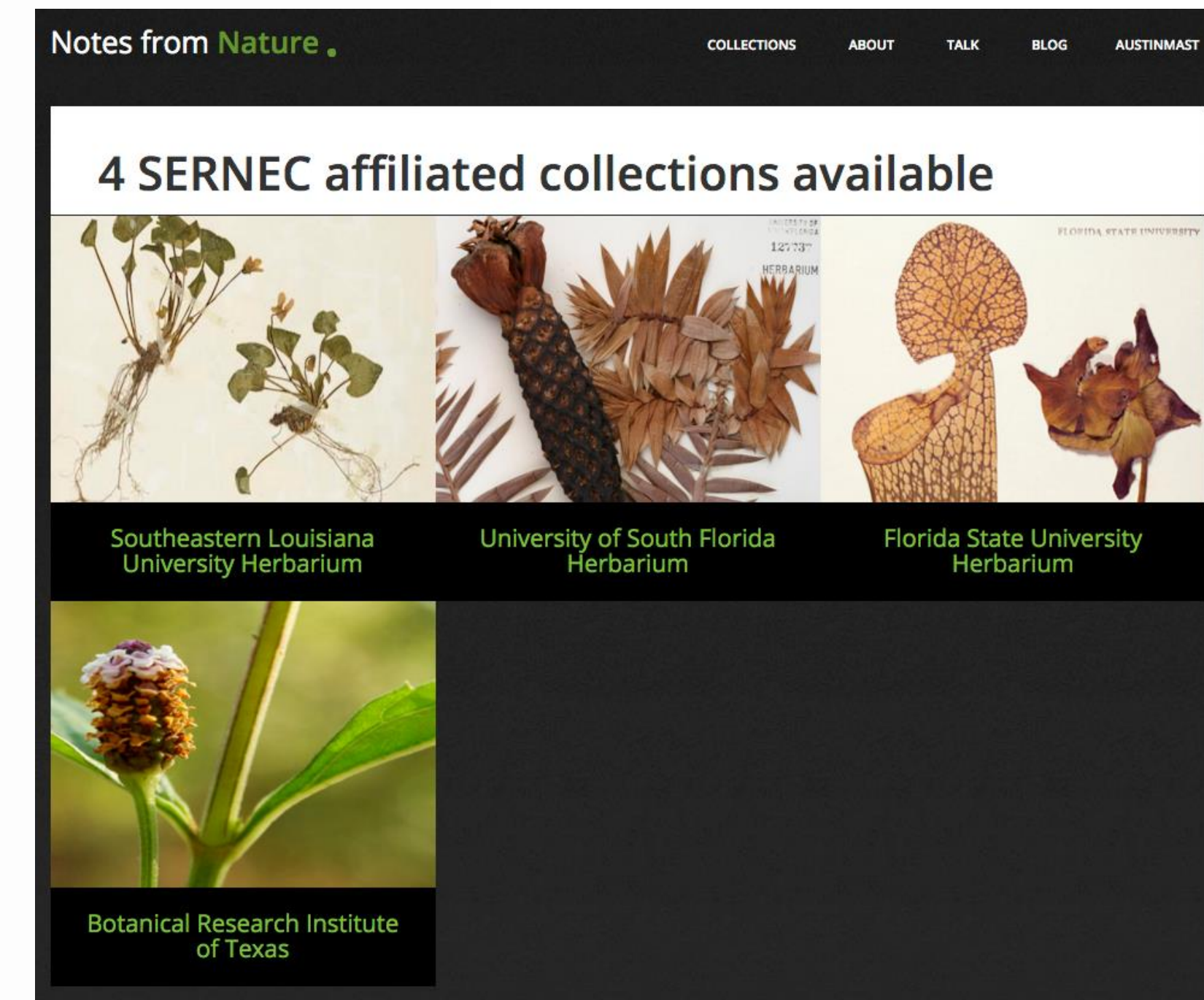
Social media allowed us to share updates and photos.



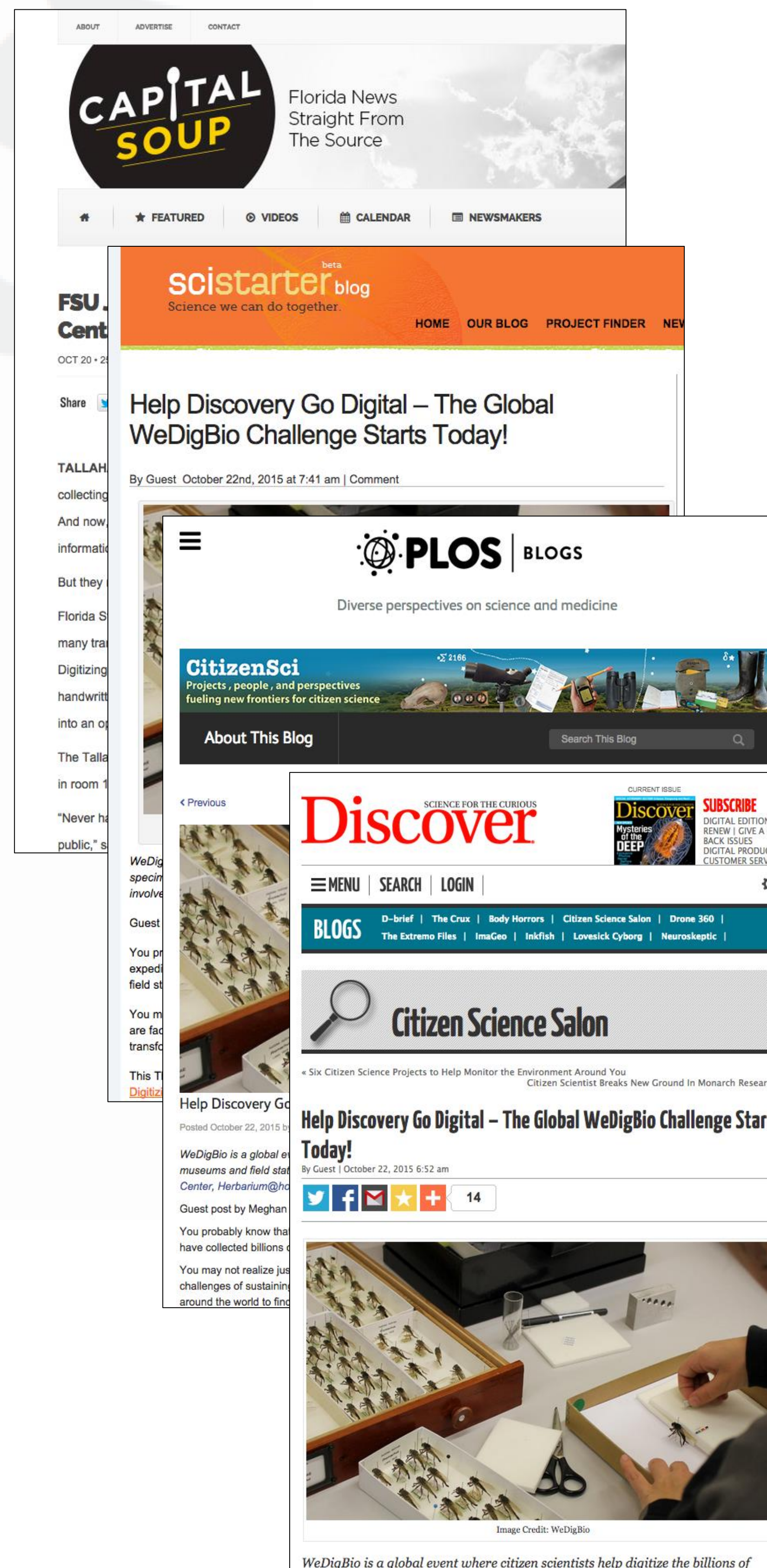
Transcription centers promoted the event on their homepages.



Participants received WeDigBio tattoos and stickers.



Thematic collections networks, including SERNEC, benefited from WeDigBio.



Blog posts promoting the event.



Organizers included Libby Ellwood (Florida State University), Paul Kimberly (Smithsonian Institution), Austin Mast (Florida State University), Rob Guralnick (University of Florida), Paul Flemons (Australian Museum), Kevin Love (iDigBio), Michael Denslow (SERNEC), Betty Dunkel (Florida Museum of Natural History), Shari Ellis (Florida Museum of Natural History), Meghan Ferriter (Smithsonian Institution), Rafe LaFrance (University of Florida), Deb Paul (iDigBio), and Rhiannon Stephens (Australian Museum).

The success of the event would not have been possible without the participation of volunteers around the world and onsite event hosts Jason Best (Botanical Research Institute of Texas), Robert Costello (Smithsonian Institution), Heather Dungey (Hancock County Library, Mississippi), Alan Franck (University of South Florida), Chris Goforth (North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences), Quentin Groom (Botanic Garden Meise, Belgium), Erica Krimmel (Chicago Academy of Sciences Blitz), Tom Nash (University of Wisconsin), Mari Roberts (New York Botanical Garden), Jamie Minnaert-Grote (Illinois Natural History Survey), Peter Oboyski (UC Berkeley), Pam Soltis and Doug Soltis (University of Florida), Patrick Sweeney (Yale University Herbarium), Matt von Konrat (The Field Museum), Rachel Webster (Manchester Museum, UK), and Regina Wetzter and Dean Pentcheff (Natural History Museum of LA County).

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