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Subject: New Biodiversity Informatics Management Working Group

I am pleased to announce the creation of a new iDigBio working group focused on the evolution of biodiversity informatics management as an academic discipline, career trajectory, and field of practice. The impetus for this working group arose from the Flat Sheets and Packets Working Group (DROID 1)—first proposed, I think, by Les Landrum—based on our discussion of the evolving and increasing need for effective biodiversity informatics managers at the institutional level, and a perceived increase in the number of students who are or might be drawn to biodiversity informatics management as a career. The proposal adopted by the iDigBio Steering Committee is attached.

This initial invitation is being distributed to the Flat Sheets Working Group. Other potential working group members are suggested in the attached proposal. There are certainly many more candidates. I have suggested an organizational meeting date, below. Please confirm by return e-mail if you would like to serve on this working group, and if this date meets your schedule. Also let me know if you do not want to serve but would like to remain on the mailing list. I envision a number of working group meetings (all virtual using AdobeConnect) leading up to a workshop on this topic, the precise focus of the workshop to be determined by the working group.

I will establish a wiki at idigbio.org to allow us to track our work and expose our documents.

Proposed organizational meeting:

Date/time: 25 March 2013, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Eastern

Place: <https://idigbio.adobeconnect.com/biodivman>

Best,

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