

# IAC Meeting Dec 2 2020

Attendees: Cat Chapman, Dennis Hasek, Regina Wetzer, Rudiger Bieler, Arthur Bogan, David Jennings, Amy Myreck, Andy Miller, Gil Nelson, Diego Barroso, Ellen Strong, Erica Krimmel, Jen Zaspel, Jessica Budke, Katie Pearson, Leanne Elder, Miranda Zwingelberg, Molly Phillips, Norine Yeung, Paul Larsen, Ryan Allen, Jamie Smith

## Agenda/Discussion

### NEW WAYS TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY REPORTS

- We are devising a new method of submitting quarterly reports - stay tuned!
- No more wrestling with Drupal webforms!!
- STAY TUNED :D

### Status of iDigBio Ingestions

- Ingestions are LIVE once more!
- Not yet regular but we ARE accepting new data, data updates, datasets entirely new to iDigBio

### COVID19

- Hiring freezes still going on for some institutions
- People still working from home
- Protocols still in place to make work more efficient given the restrictions
- Some have worked out deals where they got their parent institution to agree to hire collections manager if they get enough proposals out - pre-covid
- Some are half-closed, half-open/ on again, off again
  - Leads to gaining traction only to be restricted again - not ideal
- Still a lot of uncertainty about the way forward

### Covid Success Stories?

- Example of a high-risk employee taking on a massive backlog of files for oceanographic documents - permits and other such administrative documents that typically get backburnered despite importance
- Botanists, naturalists stuck at home eager to get online, georeference, put their skills and knowledge to use (CAP/CCH2) - enhancing sustainability of data portals
  - Katie Pearson developed an R script to use with Symbiota that brings in Symbiota duplicate table with your datasets, finds georeferenced duplicates for manual cleaning and re-upload to the collection
    - <https://zenodo.org/record/4300889#.X8fw4VVKhhE>
  - This sparked discussion on usefulness of Symbiota dupe checking/data cleaning tools

### Etc

- New TCNs want guidance with reporting structures

- Newer TCNs are doing online form submissions especially for aggregating metrics - # images, georeferences, etc
- CAP is doing similarly with form submission. Guidelines for what the NSF report should contain; giving this info to participating institutions to fill out and send back
  - Adding a table to fill out with: # undergrads working, # staff, # presentations, # specimens done in a period, etc
- PILSBRY is doing similar, with Google Docs
- Crowdsourcing data for your reports? Create one main document that all participants can access and add to
- Monthly meetings to effectively nag participants to fill out reports
- Don't forget about our API Open Office Hours <https://www.idigbio.org/content/open-office-hours-hosted-api-user-group-r-based>
- Don't forget our EODI Open Office Hours! <https://www.idigbio.org/content/education-outreach-diversity-and-inclusion-open-office-hours>
- Great time to brainstorm for more outreach activities to do during covid times!
  - If you develop things, please tag us on Twitter! @iDigBio! :)