

Minutes of Internal Advisory Committee Meeting on September 29, 2015

Date/Time: Monday, September 29, 2015 2:00-3:40 Eastern

TCN Attendees: Ken Cameron (GLI), Neil Cobb (SCAN), Michael Denslow (SERNEC), Chris Dietrich (InvertNet), Corinna Gries (LBCC), Bruce Lieberman (PALEONICHES), Petra Sierwald (InvertEBase), Zack Murrell (SERNEC), Talia Karim (FIC), Patrick Sweeny (NEVP), Barbara Theirs (LBCC), Charles Marshall (EPICC), Ed Scholes (VACs), Katja Seltmann (TTD), Deb Lewis (MiCC), Rob Naczi (TTD), Elizabeth Lippoldt (MiCC)

iDigBio Attendees: Shari Ellis (Project Evaluator), Renato Figueiredo (Cyberinfrastructure), Jillian Goodwin (Project Assistant), Shelly James (Data Management Coordinator), David Jennings (Project Manager), Joanna McCaffrey (Biodiversity Informatics Manager), Gil Nelson (Digitization Process Specialist), Molly Phillips (E&O Coordinator)

Meeting Location: Building 105 Room 310 and <http://idigbio.adobeconnect.com/iac/>

Recording: <http://idigbio.adobeconnect.com/p4sbtehy24v/>

RECURRING ITEMS:

Upcoming workshops/meetings/events

<https://www.idigbio.org/calendar>

TCN bi-monthly progress reports to iDigBio are due

<https://www.idigbio.org/content/tcn-bi-monthly-progress-report-idigbio>

- Thanks to all for submitting reports in advance of the meeting.
- As of the meeting, we are missing reports from LBCC, VACS, and MHC.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Education & Outreach

- Molly Phillips, iDigBio's Education & Outreach Coordinator, discussed iDigBio's plans for revitalizing the E&O section of the website (<https://www.idigbio.org/education>).
- Molly requested TCNs to keep her informed of E&O related activities or resources produced for promotion on website, Facebook, newsletter, etc.
- Joanna noted that the bi-monthly reports from the TCNs include E&O updates. David will add Molly to the email list on the webform.

GBIF Survey

- Barbara Thiers reported that GBIF is distributing a survey to acquire and evaluate status of collection digitization efforts. Shari helped them prepare the survey.
- They are distributing the survey broadly, including internationally.
- They expect results by early November to be reviewed at Summit.
- Eventually, the results will be published as a GBIF white paper.

iDigBio Summit V

- David reviewed current schedule for summit:
https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/IDigBio_Summit_2015
- Numerous participant bios are still needed for the printed program.
- Other important Summit information needed:
 - Presentation titles & Presenters names
 - Working group poster information
 - TCN wiki page updates - Each TCN's wiki page will be used to create the TCN bio portions of the printed program. If you need to make updates, we need them by Friday, October 2.
- There may potentially be no representative from Paleoniches. David will assist in finding a substitute.

TCN Announcements

- Sun setting TCNs
 - The TCNs in this process think of it more as “finalizing” rather than “sun setting”.
 - The TCNs think that eventually iDigBio will be integrated into all things related to collections.
 - Most of the “finalizing” TCNs will be pursuing no-cost extensions.
 - InvertNet has already migrated its IT infrastructure to permanent university resources.
- EPICC – Held their all-hands TCN meeting last week
 - They have a cohesive group and worked to normalize protocols and names.
 - They also are performing within-TCN teaching of imaging techniques.
- PALEONICHES – Produced app for iPhone and iPad
 - “Digital Atlas of Ancient Life” – <http://www.digitalatlasofancientlife.org/>
 - App will be discussed and demoed at GSA.
 - EPICC offered to demo at the Summit.
- TCNs reported no issues in submitting data to iDigBio.
- Joanna suggested inviting Günter Waibel from the Smithsonian to a future IAC meeting to discuss cost per specimen.