

Workshop Participants,

This is the first of several e-mails over the next couple of weeks outlining content and logistics for the upcoming dried insect digitization workshop to be held at the Field Museum in Chicago, April 23-26. Margaret, Petra, Joanna, and I are looking forward to seeing you all next month. More detailed logistical information, including reimbursement guidelines, etc. will be coming shortly. All will be posted on the workshop's wiki at: https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Dried_Insect_Digitization_Workshop. Feel free to check the wiki often.

Hotel: The workshop hotel is the Best Western Grant Park (<http://www.bwgrantparkhotel.com/>), a short walk from the Field Museum. Those of you whose attendance is fully supported by iDigBio do not have to make a reservation. We have a block of single-occupancy rooms reserved and the rooming list has been provided to the hotel. All you need to do is show up, tell the clerk your name and that you are with the iDigBio (University of Florida) workshop. iDigBio will pay the hotel bill (less incidentals) directly following the workshop. If you have issues that prevent you walking to the museum, please let me or Cathy Bester (cbester@flmnh.ufl.edu) know at your earliest convenience so we can accommodate.

Agenda: A draft agenda is also available on the wiki for your review. It is likely to change a little by April 23, but will give you a good sense of content. We have attempted to accommodate the results of the interest survey to make content meaningful to the broadest array of attendees.

Participant List: To facilitate collaboration, I have posted the workshop participant list on Google Docs. You can check and correct your name and institution there. Please also use the Collection(s) column to indicate the collection type(s) with which you are associated and/or are most interested in. If your collection type or interest is taxon specific, you may include that, too. This will help participants find and talk to kindred spirits and community resources at the workshop. Use your browser to navigate to the list at: <http://tinyurl.com/pinnedfolks>.

Pre-workshop Collections Tours: For those of you who might be arriving early in the day on Tuesday or leaving late in the day Friday, Margaret Thayer has graciously offered to do brief collections tours at the Field. To facilitate this, please use the appropriate columns on the participant spreadsheet to request a date and time. Margaret will be checking the spreadsheet regularly and will communicate with you about arrangements. Margaret's e-mail is mthayer@fieldmuseum.org.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns. I'll do my best to address them.

Best,

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