



# What to expect in the first year of your TCN

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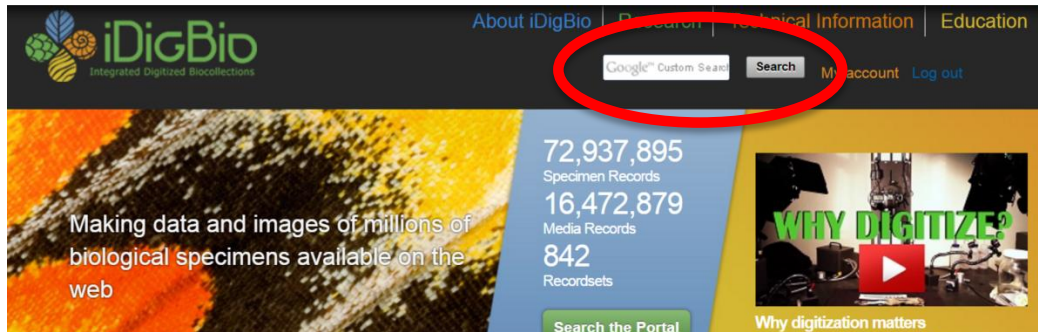
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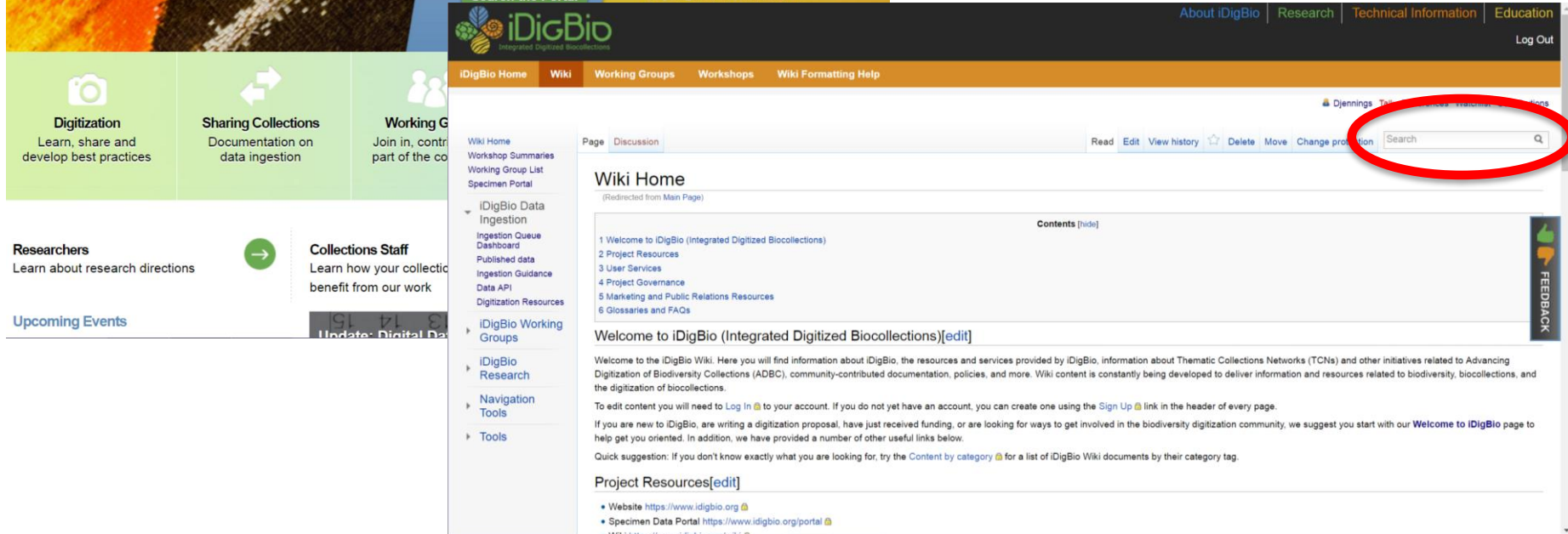
- [idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Welcome\\_to\\_iDigBio](http://idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Welcome_to_iDigBio)
- Internal Advisory Committee (IAC) = Stakeholder Engagement Forum (SEF)
  - TCN Lead PI Listserv:  
[IDIGBIOIAC-L@LISTS.UFL.EDU](mailto:IDIGBIOIAC-L@LISTS.UFL.EDU)
  - All-encompassing TCN listserv:  
[TCNLIST-L@LISTS.UFL.EDU](mailto:TCNLIST-L@LISTS.UFL.EDU)
- iDigBio staff: [idigbio.org/content/directory](http://idigbio.org/content/directory)
- iDigBio calendar: [idigbio.org/calendar](http://idigbio.org/calendar)

# I can't find X, or I want to know about Y



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the iDigBio website. A search box labeled "Google™ Custom Search" with a "Search" button is circled in red. To the right of the search box are links for "My account" and "Log out". Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a large image on the left with the text "Making data and images of millions of biological specimens available on the web". On the right, there are statistics: "72,937,895 Specimen Records", "16,472,879 Media Records", and "842 Recordsets". A video thumbnail titled "WHY DIGITIZE?" is also visible.

Use the  
search boxes!



The screenshot shows the iDigBio Wiki page. The top navigation bar includes "About iDigBio", "Research", "Technical Information", and "Education". A search box is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, there are several sections: "Digitization", "Sharing Collections", and "Working Groups". The main content area is titled "Wiki Home" and is redirected from the main page. It contains a list of contents, including "Welcome to iDigBio (Integrated Digitized Biocollections)", "Project Resources", "User Services", "Project Governance", "Marketing and Public Relations Resources", and "Glossaries and FAQs". A "Project Resources" section is also visible, listing links to the website and specimen data portal.

# Create an account with iDigBio

[idigbio.org/login/accounts/new](http://idigbio.org/login/accounts/new)



The screenshot shows the iDigBio website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "About iDigBio", "Research", "Technical Information", and "Education". A search bar with "Google™ Custom Search" and a "Search" button is also present. The "Log In | Sign Up" link is circled in red, with a large red arrow pointing to it from the right. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a background image of a biological specimen. On the left, it says "Making data and images of millions of biological specimens available on the web". In the center, there are statistics: "72,939,744 Specimen Records", "16,391,863 Media Records", and "831 Recordsets". A "Search the Portal" button is located below these statistics. On the right, there is a video player with the title "WHY DIGITIZE?" and a play button. Below the video, it says "Why digitization matters" and "More about what we do and why".

**Digitization**  
Learn, share and develop best practices

**Sharing Collections**  
Documentation on data ingestion

**Working Groups**  
Join in, contribute, be part of the community

**Proposals**  
New tool and workshop ideas

**Citizen Scientists**  
How can you help biological collections?

**Researchers**  
Learn about research directions

**Collections Staff**  
Learn how your collection can benefit from our work

**Teachers & Students**  
Download lesson plans about using digitized specimens

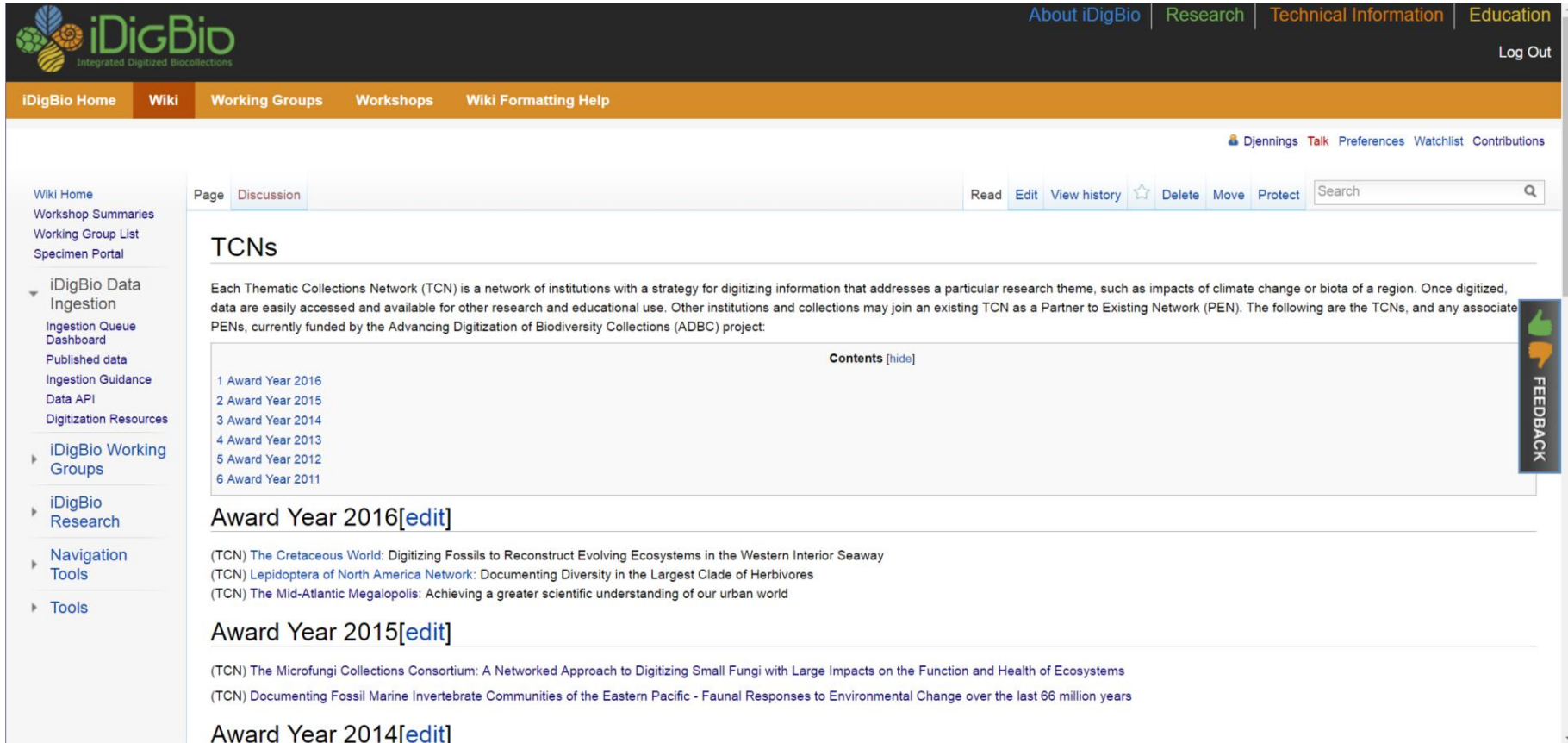
**Upcoming Events**  
iDigBio Summit VI  
11-01-2016 to 11-03-2016  
She's a Scientist  
11-13-2016

**Data Without Borders Symposium at XXV International Congress of**

investigate future  
Biodiversity specimens  
natural data  
Research

# TCNs and PENs

[idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/TCNs](http://idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/TCNs)



The screenshot shows the iDigBio Wiki page for "TCNs". The page has a navigation bar at the top with links for "About iDigBio", "Research", "Technical Information", "Education", and "Log Out". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with "iDigBio Home", "Wiki", "Working Groups", "Workshops", and "Wiki Formatting Help". The main content area is titled "TCNs" and includes a description: "Each Thematic Collections Network (TCN) is a network of institutions with a strategy for digitizing information that addresses a particular research theme, such as impacts of climate change or biota of a region. Once digitized, data are easily accessed and available for other research and educational use. Other institutions and collections may join an existing TCN as a Partner to Existing Network (PEN). The following are the TCNs, and any associated PENs, currently funded by the Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections (ADBC) project:". Below the description is a table of contents with a "hide" link. The table lists six award years from 2016 down to 2011. Each year has an "[edit]" link. The page also features a sidebar on the left with various navigation options and a vertical "FEEDBACK" button on the right.

Wiki Home  
Workshop Summaries  
Working Group List  
Specimen Portal

iDigBio Data Ingestion  
Ingestion Queue Dashboard  
Published data  
Ingestion Guidance  
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## TCNs

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Contents [hide]
1 Award Year 2016
2 Award Year 2015
3 Award Year 2014
4 Award Year 2013
5 Award Year 2012
6 Award Year 2011

### Award Year 2016[edit]

(TCN) [The Cretaceous World](#): Digitizing Fossils to Reconstruct Evolving Ecosystems in the Western Interior Seaway  
(TCN) [Lepidoptera of North America Network](#): Documenting Diversity in the Largest Clade of Herbivores  
(TCN) [The Mid-Atlantic Megalopolis](#): Achieving a greater scientific understanding of our urban world

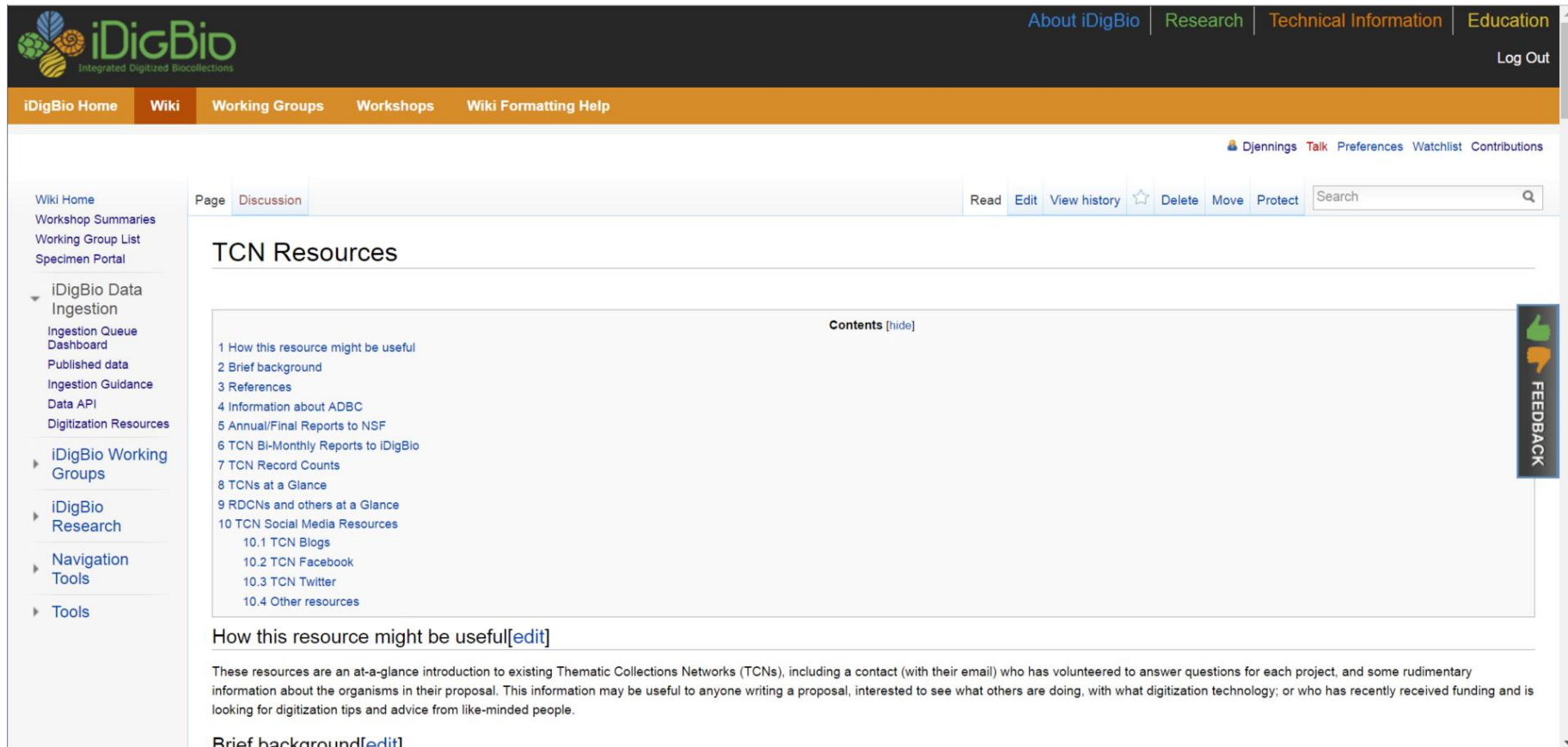
### Award Year 2015[edit]

(TCN) [The Microfungi Collections Consortium](#): A Networked Approach to Digitizing Small Fungi with Large Impacts on the Function and Health of Ecosystems  
(TCN) [Documenting Fossil Marine Invertebrate Communities of the Eastern Pacific](#) - Faunal Responses to Environmental Change over the last 66 million years

### Award Year 2014[edit]

# TCN Resources

[idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/TCN\\_Resources](http://idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/TCN_Resources)



The screenshot shows the iDigBio Wiki page for "TCN Resources". The page has a dark blue header with the iDigBio logo and navigation links: "About iDigBio", "Research", "Technical Information", and "Education". Below the header is an orange navigation bar with "iDigBio Home", "Wiki", "Working Groups", "Workshops", and "Wiki Formatting Help". The main content area is white and features a search bar, a "Page" tab (selected), and a "Discussion" tab. The title "TCN Resources" is prominently displayed. Below the title is a "Contents [hide]" section with a list of 10 numbered items: 1 How this resource might be useful, 2 Brief background, 3 References, 4 Information about ADABC, 5 Annual/Final Reports to NSF, 6 TCN Bi-Monthly Reports to iDigBio, 7 TCN Record Counts, 8 TCNs at a Glance, 9 RDCNs and others at a Glance, and 10 TCN Social Media Resources (with sub-items 10.1 TCN Blogs, 10.2 TCN Facebook, 10.3 TCN Twitter, and 10.4 Other resources). Below the contents is a section titled "How this resource might be useful[edit]" containing a paragraph of text. At the bottom, there is a section titled "Brief background[edit]". A vertical "FEEDBACK" button is visible on the right side of the page.

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Integrated Digitized Biocollections

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How this resource might be useful[edit]

These resources are an at-a-glance introduction to existing Thematic Collections Networks (TCNs), including a contact (with their email) who has volunteered to answer questions for each project, and some rudimentary information about the organisms in their proposal. This information may be useful to anyone writing a proposal, interested to see what others are doing, with what digitization technology; or who has recently received funding and is looking for digitization tips and advice from like-minded people.

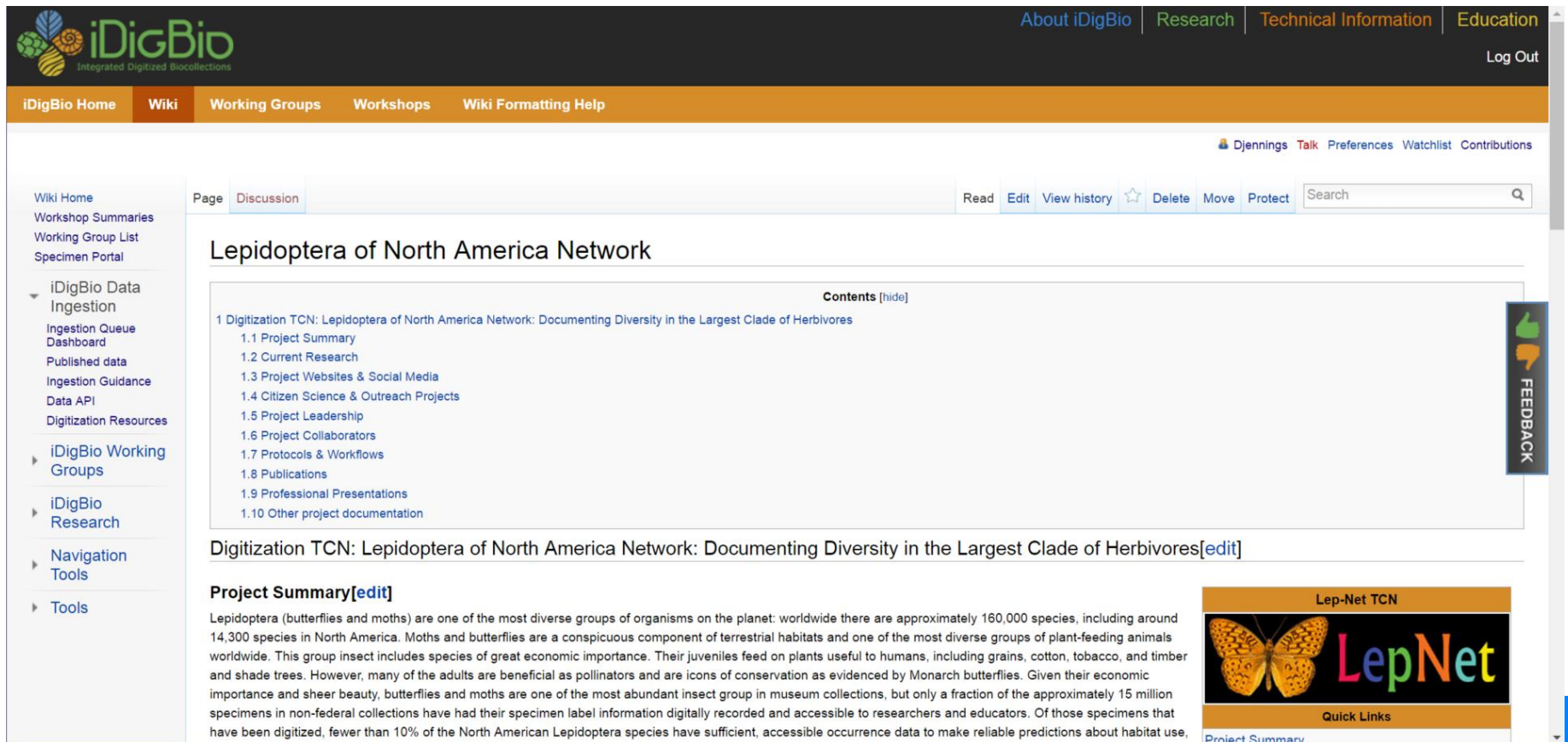
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FEEDBACK

# Responsibilities – Your Information

- Maintain your TCN wiki page

[idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Lepidoptera\\_of\\_North\\_America\\_Network](http://idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Lepidoptera_of_North_America_Network)

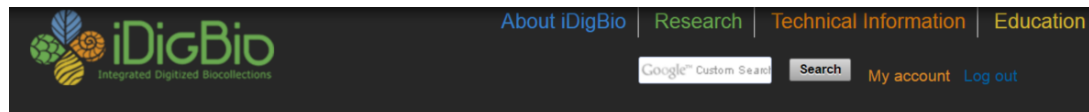


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# Responsibilities – Meetings with iDigBio

- Attend bi-monthly meetings
  - [idigbio.org/content/idigbio-internal-advisory-committee-meeting](http://idigbio.org/content/idigbio-internal-advisory-committee-meeting)



## iDigBio Internal Advisory Committee Meeting

Add this event to your calendar:

[iCal](#)

### Researchers

[Browse our specimen portal](#)



### Collections Staff

[Learn how your collection can benefit from our work](#)



### Teachers & Students

[Learning resources & opportunities to engage](#)



The iDigBio Internal Advisory Committee (IAC) is composed of representatives from the Thematic Collections Networks (TCNs) and other digitization projects and collections working with iDigBio. The IAC meets regularly to report on progress in digitization efforts, share best practices and standards, identify gaps in digitization areas and technology, enhance training efforts, and report on collaborations. Remote participation is available at: <https://idigbio.adobeconnect.com/iac/>

Prior to each meeting, TCNs are asked to complete their progress reports using the following webform: <https://www.idigbio.org/content/tcn-bi-monthly-progress-report-idigbio>

Information about past meetings, minutes, and previous TCN progress reports are available on the wiki: [https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Internal\\_Advisory\\_Committee](https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Internal_Advisory_Committee)

Other general and helpful TCN resources are available here: [https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/TCN\\_Resources](https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/TCN_Resources)

#### Start Date:

Thursday, January 30, 2014 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm EST

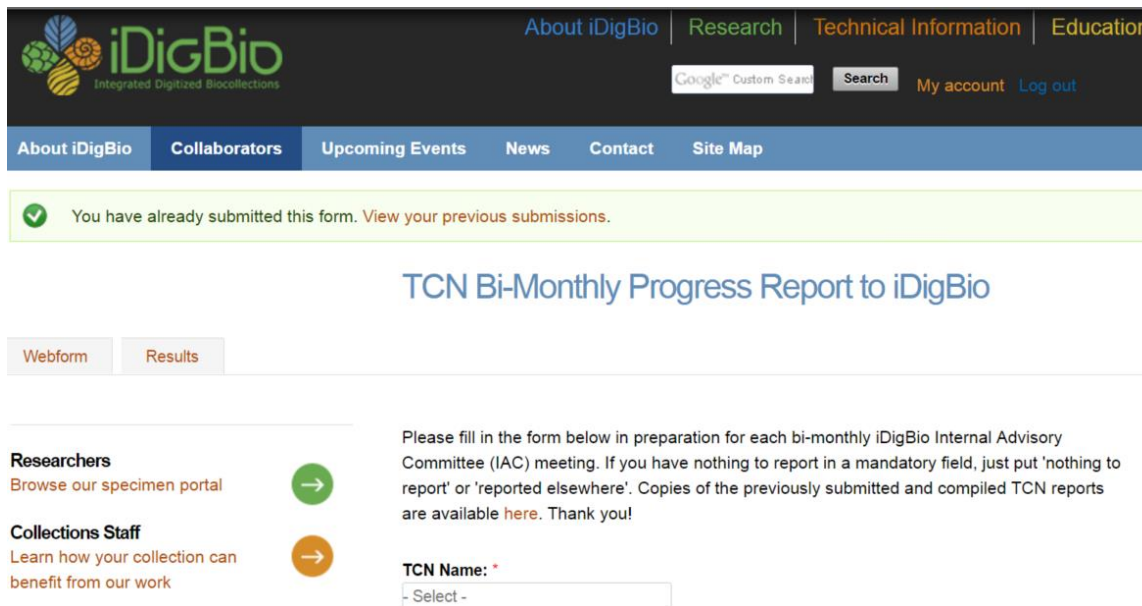
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm EDT

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm EDT

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm EDT

# Responsibilities – Reports to iDigBio

- Complete bi-monthly reports to iDigBio
  - [idigbio.org/content/tcn-bi-monthly-progress-report-idigbio](http://idigbio.org/content/tcn-bi-monthly-progress-report-idigbio)
  - About iDigBio → Collaborators → TCN Bi-Monthly Progress Report to iDigBio



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# Responsibilities – NSF Annual Report

- Lead PIs:
  - Your annual report to NSF is for the entire TCN
  - You must collect information from each collaborator to include in your annual report
- Collaborative PIs:
  - You must provide your information to the lead TCN PIs
  - Complete your annual report using the information you provided to the lead TCN PIs
- Guidance:
  - TCN Resources Page
  - [idigbio.org/wiki/images/3/34/ADBC\\_AnnualReportInfoSheet.pdf](http://idigbio.org/wiki/images/3/34/ADBC_AnnualReportInfoSheet.pdf)



# Get involved!



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