



## Establishing a Regional Natural History Collection and Data Network for South Central California.

### Background & Objectives:

We are pleased to invite your participation in a joint digitization working group aimed at developing a multi-institution NSF proposal to support the digitization and curation of scientific collections in South Central California. After reading the information below, please register to join us at the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/nkw2ohf>

Regionally based collection networks have proven to be very successful as models for sharing technical expertise, sharing information, and providing synergy toward obtaining larger funding resources than we could do as individual collections. South Central California has an enormous number of small, priceless historical collections that would benefit from cooperation and support from a regional collection network. Our hope is to come together around ideas for collaborative informatics and technical support, and digitization workshops, and to strengthen our representation and connection with The Society For The Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC) and other organized collection meetings.

We hope to establish a **Regional Natural History Collection and Data Network for South Central California** in support of our regional natural history collections, large and small. The goal of this kickoff workshop is to provide a supportive venue to discuss the needs of our community. Our hope is that we can organize around larger funding opportunities; begin to establish methods of sharing information about ongoing regional and national initiatives where others may wish to participate; and provide support toward sustainable data sharing, digitization, and long term natural history collection infrastructure. **Roland Roberts (NSF)** will be available during the workshop to answer questions about the ADBC and CSBR programs, and **Gil Nelson (iDigBio)** is making a special trip to Santa Barbara for the workshop.

### Logistics

**Contact for questions or problems:** If you have questions regarding this workshop, please contact Katja Seltmann ([seltmann@ccber.ucsb.edu](mailto:seltmann@ccber.ucsb.edu) or 805-893-2401), Mireia Beas-Moix ([beas-moix@ccber.ucsb.edu](mailto:beas-moix@ccber.ucsb.edu) or 805-893-2401), or Lynn McLaren-Dewey ([scirweb@gmail.com](mailto:scirweb@gmail.com)). If you have logistical problems the day of the workshop, please call Katja Seltmann at 859-537-9309 or Mireia Beas-Moix at 785-727-0158.

**When:** Monday February 1, 2016

**Time:** 9:30am - 4:30pm (PST)

**Where:** Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration, Harder South, Building 578, University of California Santa Barbara Campus ([CCBER](#)). Parking is available near CCBER for \$8.00 a day. An online map is available here: <http://tinyurl.com/ztybb2t>

**Lunch:** There will be an hour for lunch (12-1pm) and two options are available: 1) Bring your own lunch, 2) We will be doing a group order of sandwiches and/or drinks from Jimmy John's. If you want to order a sandwich and/or a drink, please take a look at the [menu](#), pick one of the 8" Sub Sandwiches and/or a drink, complete [this form](#) by **Friday January 29 at 5pm (PST)**, and bring the money to pay for your order (\$5.49 for a sandwich, \$2.04 medium-sized drink, \$2.37 large-sized drink). Please bring the exact amount of money because we might not have change.

**Wifi:** Upon your arrival at CCBER, you will be provided with a username and password to access the UCSB Wireless network. In order to connect, look for the network "UCSB Wireless" in your device's network utilities. You will be redirected to the login screen when you first open your browser.

**Meeting notes:** <http://tinyurl.com/hgneefz>

**Online Participation:** Interactive online participation and presentations are encouraged if you cannot make the trip to Santa Barbara for the workshop. We will be using an online room for observers, with live chat and remote presentations throughout the day.

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Get a quick overview:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/adobeconnect.html>

The online room is: <http://idigbio.adobeconnect.com/scc/>

## **Agenda**

9:30-9:45: [**Katja Seltmann & Lynn McLaren-Dewey**] Introduction, background, and enthusiasm for starting the South Central California Collection Network.

9:45-10:30: Introduction by participants: Each participant is asked to give a **1** minute introduction stating who you are, and what interests you about joining a regional collection network.

10:30-10:50: [**Gil Nelson** - *iDigBio*]. An introduction to iDigBio and background about other digitization networks, the ADBC and CSBR National Science Foundation programs.

**10:50 - 12:00: *Introducing established and future projects and resources across the region.***

10:50 - 11:00: **David Baxter** - University of California, Berkeley

11:00 - 11:10: **Jenn Yost** - Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

11:10 - 11:20: **Linnea Hall** - Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology

11:20 - 11:30: **Mare Nazaire** - Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

11:50 - 12:00: Questions and discussion

12:00 - 1:00: Brown bag lunch/Jimmy John's sandwich (details above) & CCBER collection tour (optional).

1:00 - 2:00: [**Roland Roberts** - NSF] Overview of the Collections in Support of Biological Research (CSBR) and Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections (ADBC) programs.

2:30 - 2:40: **Matthew Guilliams** - Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

2:40 -2:50: **Dean Pentcheff** - Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

2:00 - 4:30: Group discussion: An opportunity to discuss and organize around common concerns and challenges for the group. The goal for this period is to put on paper our collective needs and concerns, targeting collaborative funding opportunities for the network, and prioritize future workshops and working groups within our community.