

IAC Meeting Feb 3 2021

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Agenda/Discussion

New Quarterly Report Submission Method

We are now using a Google docs template for quarterly report submission!

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Adobe Connect

Contract runs out - please archive meetings important to you/let us know which meetings need to be archived.

Long-term Archiving of TCN Project Data (Documents, Guides, Protocols, Workflows, Etc)

There have been instances where old TCN documents would have been useful for new TCNs - but the data were lost. Highlights importance of archiving/ "data hoarding"

Come up with a checklist for retiring TCNs so that they know they have everything covered in terms of what to archive/preserve

Digitization efforts may be put on hold due to covid; staff may change - much reliance on students, who may not be allowed back into collections during lockdowns - there needs to be an effort as a community to archive TCN project documents

Link rot is a concern - for archived data, we need persistent "homes" for them

iDigBio comes in: iDigBio wiki is already being used by TCNs - IDB can provide resources/ infrastructure for hosting TCN documents etc.

For IDB wiki, there exists a "protocols and workflows" section on TCN wiki pages - we can use this. Currently, these sections commonly link to TCN project websites - what happens if/when these websites go offline? Let's put the documents on the wiki itself (in addition to linking). Searchability will be an issue - agree on a set of tags? This will require community feedback.

iDigBio could facilitate a workshop focused on proper retiring of TCNs - making sure all documents, workflows etc are in order and are properly archived

New England group as a model for said workshop - NEVP - transitioned to consortium of New England Herbaria; CAP has also formed administrative committee to deal w/issues that will come later, fostering community of engagement independent of TCN funding

Get NSF involved in the workshop/planning?

Internet Archive is another option for permanently hosting TCN documents etc

Backup your stuff! Backup early, backup often. **Make sure it's redundant. One backup is not enough.**

How do the NSF-required data management plans for TCNs fit into this?

TCNs are saving documentation, but not necessarily putting it online

Marine Georeferencing Resources

Georeferencing has been historically very terrestrially oriented - not too many resources for marine georeferencing.

Marine georeferencing focuses on expeditions, cruises, open-water trawls - lat/lon specific data.

DigIn TCN is trailblazing in this regard - likely has the best sense of the landscape. Two working groups exist for these; Nelson Rios is involved.

FishNet2 did some marine georeferencing - GeoLocate has included some of these maps. Many expedition logs are online. If you know the "itinerary" of the expedition you could follow the route and the collections would be along that route.

DigIn has started a database and has converged on a field schema for expeditionary data and has identified existing expedition data resources; discussion on long-term hosting for these data.

Batch Image Loading into Symbiota Portals

SCAN and LepNet has a batch image plugin - it is portable to other portals. It links based on catalog number/barcode in the image filename. Maybe see more adoption of this plugin?

Ed Gilbert is also working on a native batch image upload plugin for Symbiota. Hesitance may come from ASU not wanting to be "the" place where thousands+ images "live".

We need to look towards longer-term image archive issues and solutions.

Social Media Accounts

If you have social media accounts, please update your TCN wiki pages with the accounts! Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, etc!