

Minutes of Internal Advisory Committee Meeting on November 7, 2018

Date/Time: Wednesday, 7 November 2018, 2:00-2:25 PM Eastern

Attendees: Bruce Lieberman (Paleoniches/Cretaceous World); Ryan Allen (SoRo); Diego Barroso (MiCC); Talia Karim (FIC); Katie Pearson (CAP); David Blackburn (oVert); Shari Ellis (iDigBio); David Jennings (iDigBio)

Discussion Items:

2019 IAC Meetings

- The 2019 IAC meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month in February, May, August, and November at 2:00 PM Eastern.
- These meetings have now been added to the iDigBio calendar:
<https://www.idigbio.org/content/2019-internal-advisory-committee-meetings>

Quarterly reports are now due

- Fill out your reports here: <https://www.idigbio.org/content/tcn-quarterly-progress-report-idigbio>
- Molly Phillips from iDigBio has already done some social media on outreach (a podcast) mentioned in the MiCC report. Thanks Diego!
- Bruce announced that he has submitted his final report for Paleoniches.

California Phenology has received some recent media attention

- <https://www.kpbs.org/news/2018/aug/14/cholla-cactus-didnt-bloom-year-california-scientis/>
- <http://www.news.ucsb.edu/2018/019244/golden-state-splendor> (This one is currently in the “news” section on the iDigBio website)
- They have also had an article in *Vasculum* (Society of Herbarium Curators)

Tracking data use

- We mentioned that the Mendeley public library that iDigBio is compiling can be a potential source of information for TCNs in that iDigBio tracks publications that mention and/or cite portal use. Caveats are: it is a work in progress, and it isn't especially helpful to the paleo TCNs whose data goes to iDigBio. We also mentioned that iDigBio is tracking publications of portal use by non-professionals; e.g., native plant society newsletters often cite use of herbaria portals. The goal was always to have the portals and data used widely by educators, natural resource professionals, hobbyists, etc.
- oVert tracks usage stats for any collection and has a customized script to get just oVert-funded media usage. They have many non-scientists using their resources. See <https://www.morphosource.org/About/report>
- With respect to tracking posters, conference papers/presentations, and publications, iDigBio does not “count” posters or conference papers unless they are part of a published proceedings and/or have a

DOI. That said, TCNs should count their posters, papers, and publications separately for their own NSF reports.

Newsletter

- iDigBio recently had a “Research Spotlight” on one of Bruce Lieberman’s publications written by Jeanette Pirlo (one of Bruce MacFadden’s students). Bruce L. thought the article captured the work.
- Ryan Allen has tried to provide newsletter content through a “Spotlight” link twice, but no one has responded. Molly Phillips or Jillian Goodwin will follow up on this issue.

Other outreach

- oVert is planning a high school teacher workshop in Gainesville in June, but it is too early to advertise.

iDigBio news

- Cathy Bester and Dan Stoner are leaving the project for new opportunities in Gainesville.
- iDigBio is hoping to hire two new positions – one of these is administrative, and the other will help with data ingestion and serve as a liaison with the ACIS team similar to the role played by Shelley James. There was interest in whether the position could be remote and/or part time.