Minutes of Internal Advisory Committee Meeting on April 26, 2017

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:00-2:00 PM Eastern

TCN Attendees:

InvertNet		FIC	Talia Karim
LBCC	Corinna Gries	MHC	
PALEONICHES	Bruce Lieberman	GLI	Ken Cameron
HUH	Jonathan Kennedy	InvertEBase	Petra Sierwald
NEVP	Patrick Sweeney	SERNEC	Michael Denslow
SCAN / LepNet	Neil Cobb Steve Heydon	MiCC	Andrew Miller Rhianna Baldree Alex Kuhn Teresa Iturriaga
VACS		EPICC	Erica Clites
Cretaceous World	Bruce Lieberman	MAM	Anne Barber

iDigBio Attendees:

Administration	David Jennings Jillian Goodwin	Digitization & Training	Deb Paul Gil Nelson
Education & Outreach	Molly Phillips	Cyberinfrastructure	Joanna McCaffrey Kevin Love
Research Use		Assessment & Evaluation	Shari Ellis

Meeting Location: Building 105 Room 310 and http://idigbio.adobeconnect.com/iac/
Recording: http://idigbio.adobeconnect.com/p4sbtehy24v/

RECURRING ITEMS:

Meeting started: 12:00 pm

Upcoming workshops/meetings/events
> https://www.idigbio.org/calendar

TCN bi-monthly progress reports to iDigBio are due
> https://www.idigbio.org/content/tcn-bi-monthly-progress-report-idigbio
- Thanks to the TCNs that submitted their reports in advance of the meeting. David Jennings will follow-up with the others.
- TCN PIs : your bi-monthly reports are due before the meeting. Please go to https://www.idigbio.org/content/tcn-bi-monthly-progress-report-idigbio
- Reports from the following TCNs are included with the minutes and are archived on the IAC wiki page (https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Internal_Advisory_Committee):

☒ InvertNet	☒ SCAN	☒ InvertEBase
LBCC	VACS	☒ SERNEC
☒ NEVP	☒ FIC	☒ MiCC
☒ LepNet	☒ MHC	☒ EPICC
☒ MAM	☒ GLI	☒ Cretaceous World
		☒ Paleoniches

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Core Team in Motion:

- Shelley James has left for Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney
- Laura Russell is leaving VertNet for GBIF at the end of the month. She will be moving to Copenhagen.

Call for input to the Research Spotlight

- The Research Spotlight has its own feedback page: https://www.idigbio.org/contact/Research_Spotlight
- Molly will now be the contact for the Research Spotlight which highlights research on the website and in the newsletter
  - Molly will be going on parental leave, so we are requesting submissions now
- Deb mentioned it can also highlight new tools, novel uses of research data, or ways to enhance research, etc.
- iDigBio will also take other stories from TCNs to highlight in the newsletter research stories, portal curiosities, biodiversity spotlight

Summit plans and progress:

- Link to the 2017 Summit wiki: https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/ADBC_Summit_2017
- iDigBio is trying to gauge the interest level in participating in field trips while in Gainesville.
  - Potential Data Carpentry workshop before the Summit; potential field trips after the Summit
  - Additional costs outside of normal travel dates ------would be at participant's own expense
  - Goal is to make the overall Summit more valuable for everyone
  - Overall consensus is that it is too far in advance for attendees to commit
- Attendees - How many? What composition?
- TCN vs. PEN vs. No cost extensions
  - Some TCNs have a large number of PIs (and not all can attend)
  - PENs are the mechanism to encourage sustainability --> we should reward this behavior
- The goal of the Summit needs to be defined. Should the focus solely be digitization mobilization forum to learn from each other? Or is more training with new TCN members most important?
- House vs. Senate --> equal representation vs. representation based on size
- People should take advantage of remote access
- Bruce Lieberman's recommendation: I would recommend 2 individuals allowed per current and no cost extension TCN's. They can determine if the 2nd person would be from a PEN or a partner, at their discretion. Then 1 person can be invited for each retired TCN. After that # is determined, if there are funds to support travel still remaining, those could go to invite more people from the larger TCNs.

Call for input to the Research Spotlight

- The community survey will be coming out in the upcoming week. Please pass the survey along to members of your TCN to have a more diverse poll.

Darwin Core Hour

https://github.com/tdwg/dwc-qa/wiki/Webinars

- The attempt of DCH is to be strategic about connecting the world of SPNHC to the world of TDWG.
    o Currently if anyone has a question about Darwin Core you would contact John Wieczorek. This is not sustainable.
- DCH content is generated from tickets/questions submitted to GitHub.
    o https://github.com/tdwg/dwc-qa/wiki
- The webinar series has been very successful. Coming up:
    o How does a new term come into being? - Quentin Groom
    o Where do extensions come from? – Andy Bentley

Data mobilization collaboration

- If iDigBio is traveling to your area and you know of different departments or organizations in the area that could be reached out to for data mobilization, please let us know.
- Same with TCNs: If you are traveling to a meeting and think there is a potential for collaborations, let us know.

SPNHC 2017 Biodiversity Informatics

https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/SPNHC_2017_Biodiversity_Informatics_101

- Short course will provide an introduction to natural history biodiversity informatics.
- Designed for museum professionals that need a better understanding of the natural history informatics landscape or the resources available for digitizing and digitally sharing natural history collections data.
- Topics will cover the basics of natural history collection data and digital object lifecycle management, including digitally archiving and mobilizing collections data and participation in global initiatives

https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Best_Practices_for_Integrating_Collections_into_Education

- iDigBio is also partnering with BLUE and the Small Collections Network for a full day symposium centered around education and training.

Final Notes

- Joanna would like to know when TCNs have completed their no-cost extensions. Please inform her so she can keep her data up to date.
- Joanna sent everyone reports and would like feedback. It is based on number of records ingested by ACIS. If you find any large errors, please contact Joanna.
- Alex Thompson from ACIS has joined the TDWG Data Quality Interest Group. If you have any questions/comments about data flags on an international level, contact Alex.
- NSF will be closing for 2 months over the summer to move to Arlington. iDigBio's annual report is due early (June 2). David recommends checking with NSF to see if your TCN's annual report will also be affected by the move.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:42 pm