A proposed metadata standard for recording and sharing attribution information

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Problem

- Curating and maintaining research collections is very important, but current incentives do not prioritize this work
- Creating a metadata standard for attributing this work will help people and institutions get credit - thus changing the incentive structure





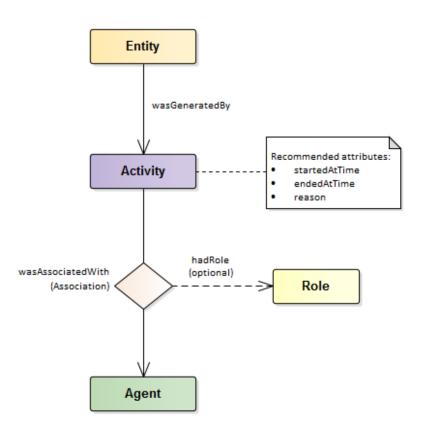
RDA/TDWG Process

- RDA: WG is 18 months old recommendations submitted to Council and to Data Science Journal
- TDWG: IG is using RDA recommendations to justify a Darwin Core extension
 - https://github.com/tdwg/attribution
- Session at BiodiversityNext (TDWG)
 - More than Names: Identifying and Crediting People in Biodiversity Data
- Currently looking for adopters



Recommendations

- The key elements of the model for attribution are:
 - Entity wasGeneratedBy Activity
 - Activity wasAssociatedWith Agent
 - Association hadRole Role
- with some additional attributes assigned to the Activity class:
 - Activity has attribute StartDateTime
 - Activity has attribute EndDateTime
 - Activity has attribute Reason (added as comment)
- This standard needs to apply to many types of collections, not just natural history



Adopters

- Tier 1: providers of attribution metadata
 - Arctos
 - o iDigBio
 - Bloodhound
 - TaxonWorks
 - DISSCO









- Tier 2: consumers and presenters of attribution metadata
 - o ORCID
 - ImpactStory
 - Altmetric

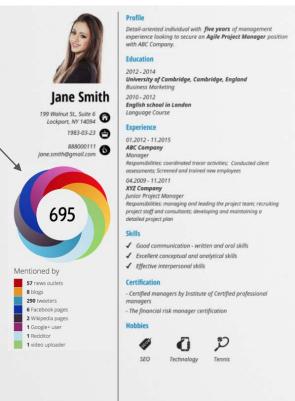






What Might Adoption Look Like?

Altmetric "doughnut" Visualization of micro-credit for collecting, identifying, digitizing, cataloguing, photographing, etc.

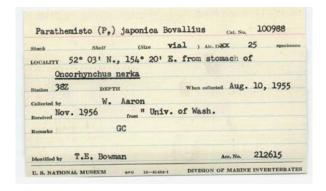


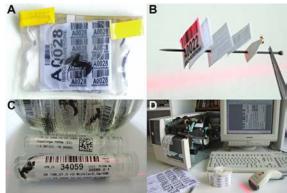


Implementation Elephants

- Specimen identifiers are notoriously poor
 - Compare identifier graph
- 1000+ specimens on an ORCID profile
 - Archive lists and archive collections



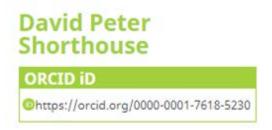


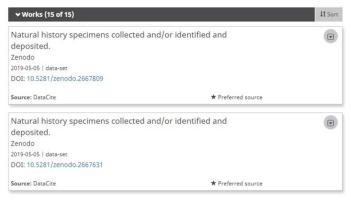


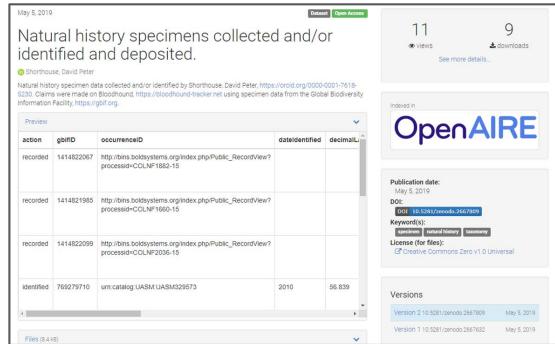


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ORCID Pilot Projects







Terminology Extensions

- ORCID is adding a "physical object" work type
- Contributor Role Ontology
 - Collector Role
 - Curator Role
- VIVO
 - Collector Role
 - Curator Role
- More candidate terms here
- What terms would you like to see?

How does attribution affect your work?

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Questions?

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