

## 2022 TCN Advisory Meetings

### Agenda

# November 2nd, 2022

In Attendance (add your name here!):

Jennifer W. Trimble (ESB)

Gil Nelson, iDigBio

David Jennings (iDigBio)

Robin DeLaPena (FMNH, ESB)

Jonathan Kennedy (HUH; All Asia)

Brad Ruhfel (MICH; All Asia)

Erika Tucker (TPT/MPM; SCAN, LepNet, Big-Bee, iDigBees, BON)

Randy Fischer (ACIS)

Jill Goodwin (iDigBio)

Kyle Lough (MICH: All Asia)

Miranda Zwingelberg (GLOBAL)

Rüdiger Bieler (ESB, DigIn, PILSBRY)

Diego Barroso (TORCH TCN, at BRIT)

Katja Seltmann (Big-Bee, UCSB, TPT, CAP)

Art Bogan (NCMuseum of Natural Sciences)

Ryan Allen (COLO, SoRo, GLOBAL and All-Asia)

Norine Yeung (BPBM, PILSBRY)

Lindsay Walker (iDigBio/Symbiota)

Ainsley Seago (TPT/CMNH)

### **Agenda Suggestions (please add your ideas!):**

#### iDigBio announcements

- Public Participation in Digitization of Biodiversity Collections course is happening for the second time, December 12-15. More info and application link (deadline is Nov. 11th) [here](#).
- [Capturing community expertise: Virtual SPNHC wiki edit-a-thon](#) happening next Thursday, November 10th from 10am-1pm Eastern
- Digital Data: Hybrid @ ASU (Tempe, AZ) June 5-7

#### Symbiota Support Hub announcements

- TORCH campaign starts tomorrow: <https://symbiota.org/portal-advancement-campaigns/torch-portal-campaign/>
- Symbiota Support Group on Monday: <https://symbiota.org/symbiota-support-group/>

Let's get "meta": how can we improve these meetings (IAC/TCN Advisory) going forward?

- What would be useful to YOU (the community)?
- What would you like to see? What would you like to gain from these meetings?
- "Open Office Hours" format?
  - More open-ended, allows for "dropping in" for questions, direct interface with iDigBio staff
  - More frequent, less "formal"?
  - Use SSH "support groups" as a sort of model...?
- More informal conversations about TCN innovations? (from Katja)
  - Data sharing, working with datasets, more technological innovations
  - Presentations (from TCNs?) about successes with downstream research using the data
- Open these meetings to beyond the TCN community - the broader collections community?
  - Outreach to, e.g., ECN... how to help folks grasp what tools are available, best practices for using them, and common pitfalls to avoid

WHAT WOULD BE USEFUL?

- Hearing from TCN Representatives/ Having them drive content
- Sessions on resources available for digitization
  - Workflows
  - Technology
  - Navigating resource platforms
  - Archiving resources
    - Image storage
    - Workflows/ Documentation
- Sessions on Taxonomic resources available
- Sessions on management/reporting/communication resources/options /task management options
- connecting/sharing data - details on connecting IPTs / databases/aggregators (how exactly do these happen, not just that they exist..)
- Re-assess the objective for these meetings
  - Do we want the focus to remain on TCN leadership?
- Thematic discussions
  - E.g. "how to display data and dashboards" or "how to recruit personnel"
- Sessions targeting people who are thinking of starting a digitization project...?
  - Feedback on grants, data management plans, etc...
- Plan out topics ahead of time - make them KNOWN ahead of time +1 (non-structured is easy to skip)
- "I would also like to hear more from iDigBio re. international collaborations and initiatives" from chat
- "I think hearing from other communities (ecology) and their digitization efforts would also be interesting" from chat

- “what is your biggest digitization bottleneck”
- “Meetings could also be split in half sometime, panel for one half, brainstorming the other half”
- Create opportunities for small conversations. Put 3-4 PIs in a room together to discuss some topic or just introduce themselves
- Education and outreach things that people are working on – hot tips, lessons learned, etc. Possibly with diversity and inclusion activities, and involving Shyla
- (Are there) ways to tag/identify specimens that have been digitized by ADBC funding within CMSs and institutional databases in a way that can also get ingested into iDigBio portal and GBIF. Good for tracking use of specimen data for reporting, justification, etc.

#### POTENTIAL TOPICS:

“Looks like the topics in the google docs can be binned under some of these broader topics?”

Digitization Protocols and Procedures

Taxonomy Support

Education, Training, and Retainment

Research Applications

Data Dissemination” from Nori in chat