

GBIF North American Regional Nodes Meeting

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Dates: 11-12 August 2010

Host: Biodiversity Institute of Ontario, University of Guelph,
579 Gordon Street, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1

Day 1 11 August 2010

9:00 Welcome remarks and introduction –
Baillargeon, Hanner, Bello

9:15 Tour de table –
Participants introduce themselves

9:30 GBIF in North America – introductory talk and objectives for the meeting
Baillargeon, Frame

9:50 Quick updates from regional nodes and key data publishers
(Only reporting new initiatives, major outcomes, and/or growing issues;
Baillargeon, Desmet, Flesness, Hyde, Kennedy, McFetridge, Parr)

10:20 Coffee Break

10:40 The Avian Knowledge Network and some of the lessons learned from the birding
community – Denis Lepage

11:00 Update on GBIF informatics infrastructure from GBIF secretariat
NPT, HIT, IPT, IMS, Comm. Site, GBRDS, GBIF Vocabulary, DwC archive –
Dave Remsen and Juan Bello

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Characteristics of North American GBIF Nodes
Strengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities, and **T**hreats – An open discussion –
Doug Hyde

13:50 Data publication with IPT and Darwin Core Archive – An open discussion
between IPT helpdesk experts and data publishers –
Peter Desmet and Laura Russell

15:15 Coffee break

15:30 Tour of the Biodiversity Institute of Ontario –
BIO Staff TBA

- 16:30 DNA barcoding, the utility of validated occurrence records & the need for indexed collections + North America's role in the International Barcode of Life (iBOL) project – Robert Hanner and Peter Freeman
- 17:30 Closure of Day 1 meeting
- 18:00 Reception (drink and hors d'oeuvres)
- 19:00 Hosted Dinner – Keynote speaker: Sujeevan Ratnasingham (recipient of the 2010 Ebbe Nielsen Prize) BOLD: a virtual research environment for the rapid cataloguing of named and unnamed life – Dinner kindly hosted by the Consortium for the Barcode of Life, Smithsonian Institution

Day 2 August 12

- 8:30 Update on GBIF Portal mirror site (Mike Frame and Giri Palanisamy)
- 9:00 Identification of regional priorities and targets (regional action plan), - including discussions on how to implement them (Frame, Baillargeon)
- 9:30 Discussion - Identification of mechanisms to improve the regional coordination, communication, collaboration, and participation (Baillargeon, Frame)
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:50 Discussion on options to streamline the structure and functioning of the Nodes Committee (Frame, Baillargeon,)
- 11:20 The case for a stable registry of collections and institutions (BCI and Biorepositories) – Schindel, Hanner
- 12:10 Lunch
- 12:50 Election of a regional representative to report the next Governing Board (Elected representative to lead next two agenda items)
- 13:15 Recommendations to the Governing Board on how to advance the implementation and uptake of the GBIF Work Programme within the region
- 14:00 Suggestions on priorities, opportunities and technical developments for the GBIF Work Programme for 2011 and the GBIF Strategic Plans for 2012-2017
- 15:15 Concluding remarks – Baillargeon, Hanner, Bello
- 15:30 Closure of meeting