

2018-07-01 VIVO Updates

Membership Task Force A membership task force for VIVO is forming. See [Membership and Community Engagement Interest Group](#). Participants include Terrie Wheeler, Weill Cornell Medicine, [Virginia \(Ginny\) Pannabecker](#), Virginia Tech, [Dong Joon \(DJ\) Lee](#), Texas A&M University, and Ann Beynon of Clarivate. If you would like to participate, please contact [Mike Conlon](#). The group is tasked with working with Duraspace and the community to build relationships with those who may be interested in financially supporting the VIVO project as members. Membership is the key means by which VIVO grows. If you have ideas about growing membership or know of those who might consider becoming members, please contact one of the task force members.

Action Planning The Action Planning Process, which began March 1 and will run through Feb 28, 2019, is making progress in five areas — product evolution, resources and membership, community development, vision, and governance and structure. See updates here (new material is on the bottom of the document) <http://bit.ly/2tJwRyQ>

Leadership Group Elections The VIVO Leadership Group is looking to add three new members, elected by the member community liaisons. The Leadership Group is the top-level governance group for the VIVO project. Chaired by Julia Trimmer of Duke, the Leadership Group sets fundamental directional for all aspects of the project. Nominations have been received, and voting will occur through July 11. Look for an announcement here in two weeks of new Leadership Group Members. We appreciate the interest of the nominees and look forward to having new members of Leadership soon.

Are you interested in having your institution participate in the direction of the project? Become a member, financially supporting VIVO. Becoming a member is the best way to help VIVO succeed. See <http://bit.ly/dura-join>

Go VIVO!

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