2018-11-09 Updates

Here we recap the events of the past month.

Conference

The 2019 VIVO Conference will be in Podgorica, Montenegro, September 4-6, 2019. Announcement here: https://duraspace.org/save-the-date-vivo-2019-september-4-6-podgorica-montenegro/

1. The conference committee is meeting every two weeks on Wednesdays at 10 EST.
2. Conference progress updates will be posted on the wiki page: VIVO Conference Planning Task Force. Currently the TF is working on the website: http://vivoconference.org/. Sponsorship package is ready and sponsors will hear from us starting this week.

Action Planning

1. Vision. Has not met.
2. Governance and Structure. Is meeting weekly on Thursdays at 11 AM US Eastern. The group sent a community survey about VIVO governance. The survey has closed and Daniel is writing a narrative to summarize results.
3. Product Evolution. Meets weekly Wednesday 11 AM US Eastern. Meeting notes here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rhsW7EKhQyfHRrzh7wZNziosJAfliduXxQQVcT1w0bl/edit# See Slack channel for pinned items and conversation. Is developing a VIVO-sourced, developer friendly data model for driving an interface. The group recently defined a preliminary data model and is discussing ways to provide a GraphQL instance for community testing.
4. Community Development. Is meeting monthly. We've been discussing how to define our subcommunities, and we have devised four primary use cases for implementing/supporting VIVO.
5. Resources. Is meeting bi-weekly. In the last meeting, Erin talked about the SCOSS funding opportunity and the group discussed possible ideas for funding. The preliminary application was submitted last week by Erin and Carol Minton Morries. Contact Terrie Wheeler for details.

Statement of Direction and Architectural fly-in

1. The Statement of Direction has been approved by Leadership, and publicized.
   a. To enable the work of developers, an architectural flyin-in is being organized by Andrew Woods for January 29-30 in Orlando at the UF Lake Nona Research Facility.
2. Fly-in
   a. The fly-in will produce architecture and design for moving development forward in 2019.
   b. Participants:
      i. Justin Littman
      ii. Alex Viggio
      iii. Benjamin Gross
      iv. Brian Lowe
      v. Huda Khan
      vi. Jim Blake
      vii. Richard Outten
      viii. Andrew Woods
   c. Initial planning call: Nov 21st @2pm ET

Task Forces

1. Membership Task Force: David Wilcox has joined the group to help devise new solutions for increasing VIVO memberships.
2. Development meets weekly to discuss and work on VIVO issues. Andrew Woods organizes.
3. Research Intelligence Task Force: Group is forming. Has not yet met. Contact Tom Cramer
4. Ontology Task Force: Group is meeting every two weeks, led by Mike Conlon. Current work in two areas: 1) identifiers and attributes of identifiers such as ORCiD, DOI, GRID, ISSN; 2) languages, language skills, and languages of scholarly works.
5. Internationalization Task Force: Group is meeting every two weeks, led by Kitio Fofackof University of Quebec at Montreal.

More news

1. We had five new sites in October. One of our best months ever. The new Duraspace Registry is much easier to navigate, and much easier to join. See https://duraspace.org/registry/?filter_10=VIVO. See full monthly tracking data here (updated on the first of every month) https://wiki.duraspace.org/download/attachments/101781010/tracking.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1541116992121&api=v2
2. David Wilcox of Duraspace has joined the VIVO Membership Task Force to provide guidance and support.
3. An RDA workgroup recommendation includes VIVO as a means for representing attribution data. See the workgroup report here.http://bit.ly/2Dra5SF
4. Camp at Columbia had six participants. Our costs were low – Columbia provided space and refreshments. Travel costs for instructors were low due to location and support of Clarivate.
5. Mike attended the Metadata for Machines workshop at GoFAIR headquarters in Leiden. The group is working to incorporate FAIR metadata into standard processes in scholarship. A pilot has been started to use VIVO, CEDAR, and a DMP tool to provide a simple workflow for the submission of grants. VIVO will partner with several groups on the pilot.