

2019-03-01 Updates

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 (or as required) on Wednesdays at 10 EST.
2. Currently the TF is working on the website: <http://vivoconference.org/>.
3. We have a keynote speaker, Herbert Van de Sompel, and two invited speakers: Anastasia Dimou and Sarven Capadisli.
4. **Registration is open and we encourage you to register with the early bird rates:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vivo-2019-conference-tickets-50867496050>
5. **The VIVO 2019 Call for Proposals is now open and we encourage you to share widely within your communities:** <http://vivoconference.org/news/VIVO2019CfP>
6. We've received interest or commitments from three sponsors so far and will be working with Michele to consider additional sponsors in Europe.

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 in early 2019. Contact Tom Cramer for more information.
4. **Ontology Interest Group:** 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 Fofack of University of Quebec at Montreal.