

# Event Opportunities

Below are some of the events that VIVO has been present at over recent years. For each, I provide a brief summary of the value to VIVO and the nature of the value. The events are not presented in any particular order.

1. Expert Finders Forum. New group bringing together people from universities and industry interested in identifying university experts. 60 or so attendees. Both keynotes speakers at their first conference were VIVO community people – Robert MacDonald, UL at Colorado, and Noshir Contractor, researcher at Northwestern.
2. Research Data Alliance. Huge, expensive conference held twice a year. Sometimes as many as 1,000 attendees. Intersections with VIVO on terminology (MC is a member of their DFTWG), Research Graphs) – collaboration led to effort to create a hosted VIVO through the ResearchGraph people in Australia. RDA now has a Research Graph interest group created by Martin Fenner of DataCite. Use of VIVO ontology outside of the VIVO software – Anne Theissen chairs the TDWG. FAIR data principles.
3. CNI. Twice annual – Washington DC, and west coast. Librarians, project updates, open source, lots of VIVO members. ImpactStory, Internet Archive, Solid, other interesting projects. Opportunities for VIVO sidebar meetings.
4. Duraspace Member Summit. Strategy meetings, community building, sharing progress across Duraspace projects. With the VIVO conference, a face to face meeting opportunity for the LG.
5. EuroCRIS member meeting and strategic partner meeting. Dspace-CRIS, and other CRIS systems and participants in the CRIS space. Updates from projects in Europe. Ontology partnership and MOU. Opportunity to build European mind share, adoption, membership.
6. VIVO Conference. Self-funded premier opportunity for community building, adoption, membership.
7. VIVO Camps. Self-funded opportunities for building technical community, new adopters.
8. Force 11. Perhaps the most interesting of all conferences for VIVO members. Thought leaders. Founded as "Beyond the PDF", Force11 addresses issues related to the changing scholarly ecosystem, focusing on scholarly communication. OpenVIVO was created for a Force11 presentation. ROR is the result of work began at Force11. Use of blockchain, ontology, persistent identifiers are common topics. Digital Science, DataCite, CrossRef, ORCID, large euro projects typically represented. Always interesting people, most with VIVO connections – Cameron Neylon, Melissa Haendel, Violeta Ilik, Maryann Martone, Phil Bourne, Martin Fenner, Dario Tariobelli, many others
9. German VIVO User workshop. Will be the largest gathering of VIVO interested people this year. Great meeting. Loads of interesting work.

Some other events of mention:

1. PIDApalooza. I have heard this is an interesting meeting of high relevance, but have never attended. Focused on identifiers.
2. Open Repositories. I attended several of these meetings. Did not see the connection between their interests and the work of VIVO. Focused on repositories in libraries.
3. CASRAI. Have attended, minimum overlap with VIVO. Focused on vocabulary of research administration.
4. Specific site visits. Michelle, I, and others, have made visits to specific VIVO sites. Some of these visits were sponsored by the sites.
5. csv.conf – Graham attended one year – interesting technical group looking at similar problems.