

# 2015-08-09 VIVO Updates

**New Steering Group members.** Congratulations to Erik Meeks of UCSF and Bart Ragon of the University of Virginia, the two newest members of the VIVO Steering Group. The Steering Group is now at full strength with 11 members. The members are: Paul Albert, Weill Cornell Medical College, Jon Corson-Rikert, Cornell University, Kristi Holmes, Northwestern University, Melissa Haendel, Oregon Health Sciences University, Dean Krafft, Cornell University, Robert McDonald, Indiana University, Eric Meeks, UCSF, Andi Ogier, Virginia Tech University, Bart Ragon, University of Virginia, Julia Trimmer, Duke University, and Alex Viggio, Symplectic. They represent you in all matters regarding VIVO and the future of VIVO. Please join me in thanking them for their service to VIVO.

**Planning a VIVO Implementation.** Just in time for the conference, the Implementation Documentation Task Force has completed its work and delivered an all new guide to Implementing VIVO. Taking a comprehensive approach and addressing the most common issues with implementations, the new guide has sections on Project Management, Outreach and Engagement, Data Management, and Technical Development. I want to thank the task force members for this outstanding work. The guide is part of the VIVO wiki. See [Planning a VIVO Implementation](#). Wow. Things just got a lot clearer.

**Conference Time!** Time for the conference. Workshops begin Wednesday morning. The opening reception starts at 5 PM Wednesday evening. Here's the schedule at a glance: <https://goo.gl/dh8Vwb>. And for your device, download [Guidebook](#) and search for VIVO 15. Tweet the conference at #VIVO15. Online registration has closed. On site registration will be available Wednesday morning at 7:30. See you in Cambridge!

Go VIVO!

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