

2016-06-02 Outreach Call

Proposed Agenda:

New to VIVO? If you're new to a VIVO team or you're just getting to know VIVO, join us tomorrow with to introduce yourself and meet others who are also new to VIVO. You can ask all your questions, no matter how silly or basic, and we'll try to answer them. No judgments! The purpose of this discussion will be to touch base with newer folks to see if we can help in any way. Lurkers welcome too – you can just listen.

Not new to VIVO? Please join the call to meet people you may not already know, and help answer questions. If you have a question of your own, or if you have ideas for future Outreach and Engagement discussions, let's talk.

Notes

We had a handful of new folks today (Ethel Mejia and Dong Joon Lee, both from Texas A&M who talked about their VIVO, vivo.library.tamu.edu, as well as Marijane White from Oregon Health Sciences University) and a few others who joined quietly, which is fine!

Dong Joon talked about TAMU's previous implementation of VIVO which they are re-doing to improve its data structure. They will be going live with the College of Medicine faculty soon and will follow with other departments like English, Engineering and Nursing. TAMU would like to connect publications to six research themes in order to support their mission as a land-grant university. They think subject headings will be useful for industry collaborations.

Alex Viggio says that CU Boulder has identified 10 or 12 campus initiatives and will associate these with faculty research terms to display on their Experts Map. This is in beta now and will continue to be built out in the next few months. Alex, can you please demo this map in a future Outreach call?

Ted Lawless from Thomson Reuters suggested the Web of Science Core Collection (http://images.webofknowledge.com/WOKRS515B5/help/WOS/hp_subject_category_terms_tasca.html) which maps 250 categories to journals so these categories would enable grouping of journals and researchers.

Mike Conlon explained that researchers typically want very detailed subject headings but administrators and users want many fewer, broader subject headings so ideally, the vocabulary would have a hierarchy. The FAST vocabulary in OpenVIVO (OpenVIVO.org) does have a hierarchy but is not strong on medical terms. The MeSH vocabulary also has a hierarchy but combining those would probably create too broad a hierarchy at the top level. We will continue to ponder this and welcome other ideas!