

2016-07-17 VIVO Updates

Steering Group Updates The [VIVO Leadership Group](#) has nominated new members for the VIVO Steering Group to serve three year terms. Mark Fallu of the University of Melbourne, Mark Newton of Columbia University, and Paul Albert of Weill Cornell Medicine have each agreed to serve. Please join me in welcoming them to the Steering Group! Short biographies below:

Mark Fallu is the Digital and IT Lead for Research at the University of Melbourne. Mark is a higher education research technology specialist, having spent 13 years building tools to support and profile research. His current focus is on implementing modern platforms for the management of and administration of research, and developing strategies to quantify and characterize research impact. Mark has deep experience with VIVO, having developed the internationally recognized Research-Hub at Griffith University and the VIVO user and developer communities more generally.

Mark Newton is the director of the Center for Digital Research and Scholarship at Columbia University Libraries, where his work is focused on building programs and services that promote the broad reach and impact of scholarship. Among his efforts there, he has been involved in the promotion and development of Columbia's open access repository, its library publishing program, and a number of faculty-sponsored digital scholarship web sites. He looks forward to working with the VIVO steering group to promote the model of open standards and tools that advance the communication of scholars.

Paul Albert works on the VIVO implementation at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City. A leader of the Implementation Interest Group, Paul has worked on the project since the NIH grant. Paul has over 23,000 emails with "VIVO" in the subject or body; he regularly prints out these emails and puts them into a scrapbook keepsake.

Our new Steering Group members have big shoes to fill. Jon Corson-Rikert, the creator of VIVO, retired from Cornell earlier this year. Robert McDonald, of Indiana University, had participated in steering the project from the beginning of the NIH grant in the fall of 2009. We are incredibly thankful for the vision, and persistence of Jon and Robert in the creation of VIVO and the VIVO community. Paul, who has also served in a steering capacity since the beginning of the NH Grant, has agreed to continue with the Steering Group for another three year term. Thank you Paul!

Leadership Group update. Julia Laurin of Thomson Reuters has joined the VIVO Leadership Group. Please join me in welcoming Julia to the Leadership Group!

Keep that testing coming! VIVO 1.9 release candidate 1 is available for testing. Join the [VIVO Tech list](#) to participate in discussions of the impending release.

SHARE Community Meeting and Hackathon. [SHARE](#) held its hackathon and community meeting last week in Charlottesville VA. The [Center for Open Science](#) hosted the meeting and participants learned more about SHARE and COS activities, including the SHARE database, [Notify service](#), and the [Open Science Framework](#). [Andi Ogier](#) and Alexander Garcia and I participated in a lively discussion regarding the synergy of VIVO and SHARE and how each can benefit from the other. I enjoyed the meeting quite a bit – very interesting work, very clear synergy with VIVO, and very good people. See the [trip report](#) for more details.

Implementation Call Working to set up a VIVO? Loading your VIVO with data? Talking to your faculty and institutional leadership about your VIVO project? Looking for support? Have an idea to improve VIVO? This Thursday at 1 PM US Eastern time, please join us for the [Implementation Interest Group](#) call with [Paul Albert](#). It's a friendly group. Beginners especially welcome!

Go VIVO!

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