

VIVO Camp Task Force

In Progress



Interested in helping to develop a camp for VIVO newcomers? Please contact any of the task force members.

Context

VIVO is constantly being evaluated by sites around the world. Some of these sites choose to move forward with implementation, and some of these sites become production VIVO sites. In the past, VIVO has had an "Implementation Fest" to provide newcomers with an opportunity to learn more about the VIVO community, its software, and its ontologies. The Fest was fun, but was unstructured, without a curriculum, and without any formal instruction. With the maturing of the VIVO community, and the software, a new approach is needed to provide an organized, fun, engaging, informative, and productive experience focused entirely on those new to VIVO.

Objectives

Develop a VIVO Camp that can be held as needed. The camp engages newcomers to the VIVO community, providing an introduction to VIVO for planning, evaluation, and implementation purposes. The camp is not a developers camp, nor a hackathon. It is intended for those new to VIVO, to provide them with an introduction to research networking systems, the VIVO community, software, and data models. The camp must be sustainable – revenue from the camp must be sufficient to offset the expenses of holding a camp.

Deliverables

- Business plan – done. The project may need to subsidize the camp for the first year. Break even is near 20 attendees.
- Timeline – see below
- Curriculum – [available here](#)
- Training Materials – under development

Suggested schedule

Form taskforce, recruit members, develop charter. Identify date and time for first camp	Oct
Develop business plan. Outline curriculum. Identify existing materials	Nov
Refine curriculum. Collect and refine existing materials. Begin new materials	Dec
Open registration. Continue to refine materials	Jan
Confirm registrants. Go/no-go for first camp	Feb
If camp is a go, hold first camp	Mar
Post camp activities – thank yous, revising, archiving	Apr

Members

[Mike Conlon](#) – task force chair

[Paul Albert](#)

[Julia Trimmer](#)

[Violeta Ilik](#)

others to be solicited from the VIVO Community – contact [Mike Conlon](#) if you are interested in helping!

Meeting Times

TBD

Communication Channels

- Distribute proposed charter and solicit participation from community via [VIVO Updates](#) and [Email Lists](#)
- Announce task force creation and progress on [Interest Groups](#) calls
- This page and its child pages will document the work of the task force

Agendas and Notes

- Solicit agenda items from task force members 3 days before meeting
- Prepare agenda and distribute no less than 24 hours before meeting