

2017-03-13 Ontology Improvement Meeting notes

Date

13 Mar 2017

Attendees

- [Graham Triggs](#)
- [Mike Conlon](#)
- [Brian Lowe](#)
- [Damaris Murry](#)
- [DJ Lee](#)
- [Muhammad Javed](#)
- [Juliane Schneider](#)
- [Marijane White](#)
- [Tenille Johnson](#)
- [Violeta Ilik](#)

Goals

- Create a domain definition for the VIVO ontology
- Make an ontology change - that is expected to be no / low impact; e.g. spelling correction, additional class; doesn't involve a change in the VIVO software
- Make an ontology change where there is a software change (preferably a small change)

Discussion items

Time	Item	Who	Notes
60min	General discussion		How might we achieve the goals above?

Notes

Juliane - what's VIVO, the software or the ontology?

Mike - VIVO is (currently) used for both software and ontology.

Violeta - Criticism from academics, VIVO ontology doesn't have it's own presence

- We need to give VIVO a proper home.

Mike - Why isn't there a microbiology module. Why is it in the ISF?

Mike - we need a method, a process for improving the ontology.

Mike - I found an error in one of the ontologies; in FAO there is an error in a URL.

- Are you using the ontology from somebody else, or a fixed version?

Javed - I can make a list of things that I've seen that are not correct.

Brian - I like the tasks, but is it going far enough, or in the right direction? Without something else, we'll be in the same spot in a couple of years.

Mike - we want to surface the issues in making a change through doing it, and use that to define the process.

Tenille - Eagle-I has sites that are on a previous version of the software / ontology.

Marijane also logged the discussion at the OpenRIF GitHub Wiki: <https://github.com/openrif/vivo-isf-ontology/wiki/20170313-Ontology-Change-Improvement-Call>

Action items

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