

2018-04-08 VIVO Updates

VIVO Camp We had a great camp at the UCSD Biomedical Library, meeting new friends from Arizona, UCSD, Notre Dame, and Clarivate. Instructors [Viola Ilik](#), [Paul Albert](#), [Benjamin Gross](#), and myself, were joined by [Brian Lowe](#) of [Ontocale](#). We had perfect weather (the meeting was in San Diego, so perfect weather is expected, but always appreciated). The camp covered data sourcing, use cases, information representation, ontology, SPARQL, and Karma, with hands-on VIVO, interface, configuration, and much more.

We're planning a fall camp,. Have questions about camp? Thoughts about topics, locations, timing, other? vivo-community@googlegroups.com

VIVO Conference The VIVO Conference will be held June 6-8 at the JB Duke Hotel on the campus of Duke University. Join colleagues from around the world in presentations and discussions regarding the representation and use of information regarding scholarship. Register today! <http://vivoconference.org>

New VIVO site at McMaster University Congratulations to the team at [McMaster University](#) in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on the launch of Experts (<https://experts.mcmaster.ca/>). Experts at McMaster provides information on more than 5,500 faculty, 71,000 academic articles, and more than 19,000 conference papers. The site looks great!

*From Wikipedia: **McMaster University** (commonly referred to as **McMaster** or **Mac**) is a public research university in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The main campus is on 121 hectares (300 acres) of land near the residential neighbourhoods of [Ainslie Wood](#) and [Westdale](#), adjacent to the [Royal Botanical Gardens](#).^[5] It operates six academic faculties: the [DeGroote School of Business](#), [Engineering](#), [Health Sciences](#), [Humanities](#), [Social Science](#), and [Science](#). It is a member of the [U15](#), a group of research-intensive universities in Canada.*

New VIVO site at the University of Alabama, Birmingham Congratulations to the team at the [University of Alabama, Birmingham](#) in Birmingham, Alabama on the launch of [Scholars@UAB](#). Scholars@UAB provides information on more than 4,600 faculty, 41,000 papers, and 9,500 grants. Another great looking site!

*From Wikipedia: The **University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)** is a public research university in Birmingham in the U.S. state of Alabama. Developed from an academic extension center established in 1936, the institution became a four-year campus in 1966 and a fully autonomous institution in 1969. Today, it is one of three institutions in the [University of Alabama System](#) and the only [R1 research institution](#) in the state.*

Congratulations to two new VIVO sites!

More Action Planning As you heard here last week, the VIVO Project kicked off a year long "action planning" process March 1. Five action planning areas are tasked with developing goals, engaging the community, and executing their goals over the course of the coming year. One of the action planning areas is "Resources".

The resource action planners are considering how to strengthen the project by increasing the resources available to the project. Areas of interest include:

- Development. Developers advance the software. Developers organize their work in issues, pull requests, and sprints. The [first sprint of the year](#) will occur April 23-May 4. We hope you are able to join. [Sprint 2](#) is being planned for late May.
- Membership. [Membership in Duraspace supporting VIVO](#) provides financial resources required to hire facilitators, provide project infrastructures, support outreach activities, and whatever else the project may need to purchase. Please consider helping us raise the number of members supporting the project financially.
- Community volunteers. VIVO has an extraordinary group of volunteers. These folks organize the conference, plan and teach the camps, organize sprints, write documentation, answer questions on the lists, recruit new members, and much, much more. As an open source project, VIVO is wholly dependent on its volunteers to move things forward. Please consider how you might help the project by joining Slack, and asking how you might help. The Interest Groups also provide a natural way to become more familiar with the project.
- Other sources of support. VIVO holds events, participates in grant funding, has service providers, and emerging services. Each are resources and each provide opportunities for financial support of the project.

There is much that can be done to grow resources across a broad spectrum of activities.

- To get involved with action planning, contact [Julia Trimmer](#)
- To get involved with resource action planning, contact [Terrie Wheeler](#)
- To get involved with development, contact [Andrew Woods](#)

And for any question you may have about anything related to the VIVO project, please post to Vivo-community@googlegroups.com or VIVO-tech@googlegroups.com

Go VIVO!

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