

# 2018-05-20 VIVO Updates

**Two weeks to the JB Duke Hotel and the Ninth Annual VIVO Conference.** The VIVO Conference is coming up, June 6-8 at the JB Duke Hotel on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, served by the Raleigh-Durham airport, and includes a great line-up of keynote speakers, community presentations, posters, and workshops. Make your plans to attend and meet up with your VIVO colleagues!

Conference rates go up May 30. Register today! <http://vivoconference.org>

May 30 is the final deadline for late breaking posters for the VIVO Conference. Have work to share with others? A poster is a great way to share your work! <http://vivoconference.org/news/late-breaking>

This year, the conference planners have included "unconference" opportunities for people to organize small informal (5-7) groups of people around particular topics. Similar to focus groups, each unconference meet-up will provide an opportunity to gather information about the interests and needs of the community and share with others. Stay tuned for more information about how to sign-up and organize an unconference meet-up.

Interested in learning more about VIVO development? A workshop at the conference Wednesday will provide an introduction to the code.

**Apps and Tools on Thursday** The [Apps and Tools Interest Group](#) will meet Thursday at 1 PM. See the group page for call info. The group is open to all and discusses apps and tools that can be used with VIVO.

**Sprint 2 starts Tuesday** [Sprint 2](#) has a kick-off meeting Tuesday at 11 AM. See the sprint page for call-in info.

**Spring cleaning in GitHub** The VIVO Project on Github <http://vivo-project.github.com> was getting a bit cluttered. There were repositories for software not actively being developed, and repositories for software actively being developed by community members as adjuncts to the core VIVO software. So we did some spring cleaning. We now have three github organizations, each with their own repositories:

- <http://github.com/vivo-project> This is the project organization and contains repos for VIVO, Vitro, Harvester, Jenatools, sample data, and languages. These are the components of VIVO, and are actively maintained.
- <http://github.com/vivo-community> This organization contains repositories for software associated with VIVO that are under shared maintenance and development by community members. It includes VIVO Vagrant, and work of the VIVO Product Evolution effort.
- <http://github.com/vivo-archive> This organization contains repositories for projects no longer under active development and is offered for historical purposes. Code here is unlikely to be currently useful but may indicate ideas the project has had in the past.

We hope this is an improvement and will help each of us better understand what is ready to use, what is community-developed, and what we have worked on in the past, but are no longer working on. As always, all feedback is welcome!

**Debra Hanken Kurtz will join Arizona State University in June.** Debra Hanken Kurtz, CEO of Duraspace, is taking a position at Arizona State University. [Erin Tripp](#) has been named interim CEO. See <http://bit.ly/2GzvCWt>. Debra and I started the same day at Duraspace, back in March of 2015. Debra has worked tirelessly in support of VIVO and has significantly strengthened Duraspace in her time at the helm. I have worked closely with Debra for the past three years. She is a friend and colleague and I wish her all the best in this next chapter in her life. VIVO is stronger as a result of Debra's work. Thank you Debra!

and go VIVO!

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