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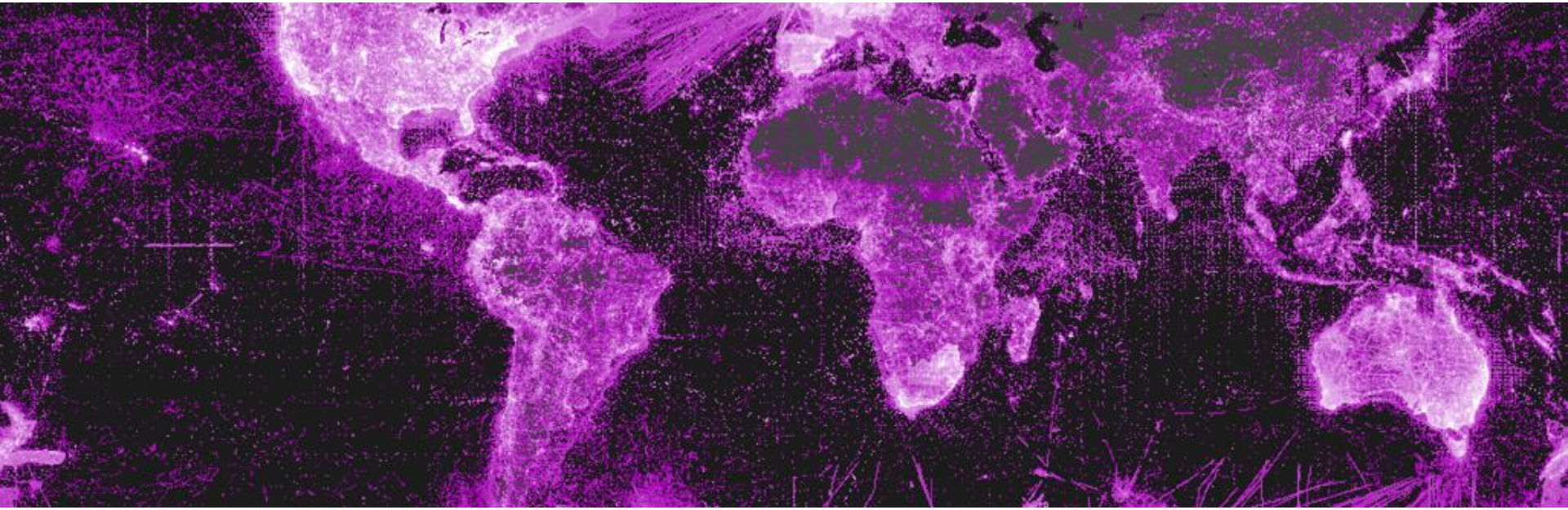

2018 REGIONAL MEETING OF GBIF PARTICIPANT NODES IN NORTH AMERICA

Moderator: David Jennings (iDigBio), NA Nodes Regional Representative

03 JUNE 2018

AGENDA

1300-1315	WELCOME, Meeting Objectives, Pre-Meeting Survey	David Jennings
1315-1415	Tour de Table – Introductions, Node Updates	All
1415-1445	Updates from the Secretariat	Donald Hobern
1445-1515	BREAK	
1515-1630	Group Discussion of Global Topics · Establishing & developing a Node o What does it mean to be a non-country GBIF node? o Examples of node activities in the NA region o Suggestions for improving existing tools: guidance, self-assessment · Open Science Ambassadors · GBIC2 conference · Enlarging our network o Activities aimed at enlarging the network in the NA region o What support do we need from the Secretariat? · Work programme o How do you feel about the work programme input/review process? o How can the process be improved? · Communication o How can Node participation in GBIF webinars be expanded? What are the barriers? o How can we improve communication? (among nodes within NA, among all nodes, between Nodes and NSG, between Nodes and Secretariat) · Nominations for Nodes Committee Chairs from the North America region	All
1630-1700	Wrap-up, Action Items	David Jennings
1700	ADJOURN	

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Bring together representatives from the GBIF participant nodes in the North America region to inspire collaboration and discussion of shared goals, challenges, and opportunities

- Progress updates from the represented nodes, preparations for the Governing Board meeting, and discussion of strategies/goals for the coming year

GBIF NETWORK – NORTH AMERICA REGION

https://www.gbif.org/the-gbif-network/north-america

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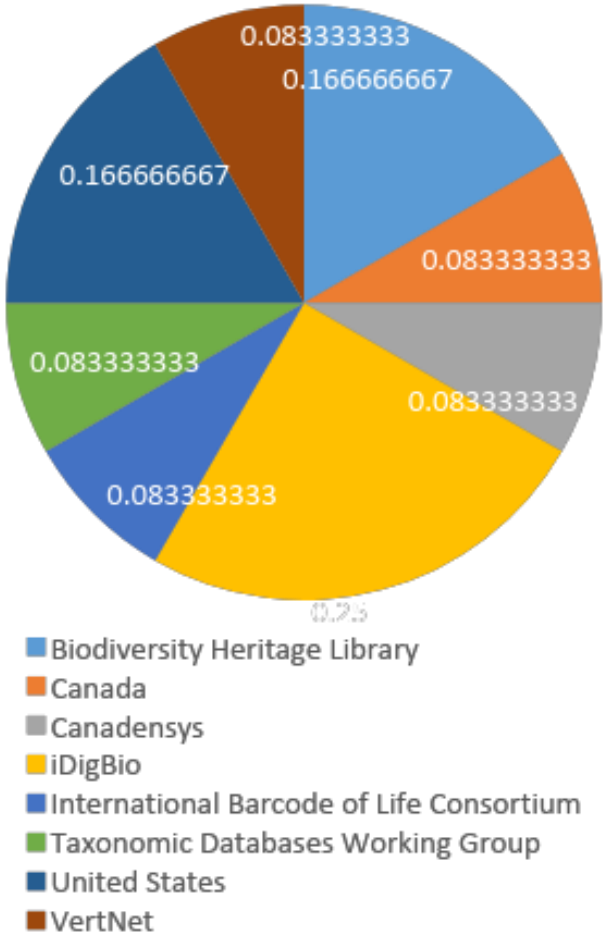

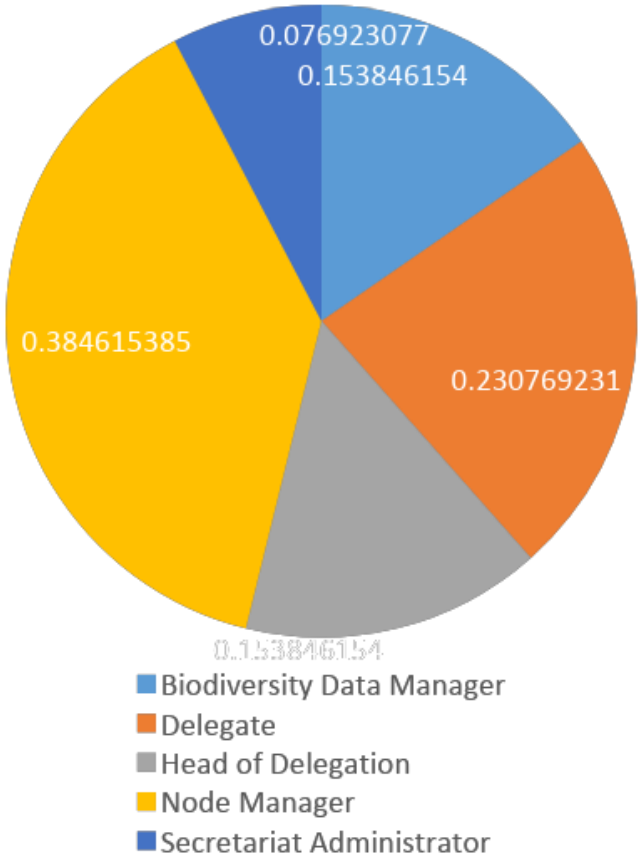

12 responses from 8 of 15 regional nodes

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Main reasons for attending this meeting:

- Interest in development of NA nodes
- Desire to establish goals for the NA region
- Continue serving the community effectively
- Low cost / association with Digital Data Conference

If not attending:

- Lack of funding
- Schedule conflicts

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- Nodes feel they are well-established
- Only 1 node has completed the capacity self-assessment
- Wide range of ongoing activities related to digitization, mobilization, accessibility, discovery, and integration of biodiversity data
- Most nodes have at least one person attending the GBIF webinars
- Wide range of involvement with other projects or initiatives

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	HELPFUL	
STRENGTHS • Efficiency • Relevance • Strong community support • Advocacy • Autonomy • Biodiversity data accessibility • Training & development		**OPPORTUNITIES** • Coordination & collaboration • Data quality improvement • Sustainability • Broaden audience • Liberate “dark data”
INTERNAL		**EXTERNAL**
WEAKNESSES • Coordination • Limited resources = limited participation • Sustainability • Autonomy • Unclear priorities	HARMFUL	**THREATS** • Time-zone differences • Broad scope / range / size • National / global disinterest in science • Dependence on governmental / institutional funding

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Types of skills offered to other nodes:

- Organization
- Translation
- Training & development
- Data standards & publishing
- Mentorship (e.g., infrastructure setup – IPT, ALA, etc.)

PRE-MEETING SURVEY

Expectations / What Do We Want to Achieve:

- Better communication, interaction, coordination, partnership, & integration
- Knowledge transfer
- Audience expansion beyond the traditional
- Defined outcomes for the NA region
- Mobilize all collections within the NA region
- Better leverage resources and expertise

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all of you for participating in this important meeting!

Many thanks to the organizers of the Digital Data Conference for hosting this meeting!

https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Digital_Data_in_Biodiversity_Research_Conference,_Berkeley

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