VIVO Resources: Orientation Feedback and ITAV Assessment
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Background: Below is VIVO technology related feedback from the Orientation Exercise conducted Summer 2019 (OE) and the ITAV Assessment Conducted Fall 2019 (ITAV). They fall into three main categories.

Resources

- We need a new model for development (OE)
- We need new thinking about how revenue can be raised through means other than new memberships (OE)
- Open Science is gaining influence internationally and VIVO must adapt and evolve in order to keep pace (OE)
- It is year to year now; there is no budget for paid director, no plan to get (beyond more money) (ITAV)
- This level of funding support does not support ongoing development and innovation, or even maintenance (ITAV)
- Handful of rsps and corporate sponsors; would love to expand their role (ITAV)
- Lack clear strong requirements for rsps and corporate sponsors (ITAV)

Value Proposition

- We lack a clear value proposition for linked open data given the costs of the producing and maintaining RDF as it is in the current architecture (OE)
- Some contribute but not required; no clear expectations (or clear value statement for membership or contributions) (ITAV)
- VIVO must evolve to become attractive to new users, with clear benefits over creating a standard website (OE)
- Contributions depend a great deal on individuals at institutions to care and contribute; there is a great deal of risk when those people shift institutions (ITAV)

Membership

- We should be promoting VIVO to prospects (OE)
- We need new members both in and outside the US (OE)
- How do we close the gap between US and international members, and bring all members closer together? (OE)