

2018-06-10 VIVO Updates

What do you value about VIVO? VIVO is conducting a short survey. Three simple questions. We started the survey at the conference and have received many thoughtful replies. Not able to attend the conference? Please respond here: [VIVO Value Survey](#). Please share with your colleagues and encourage that they share. We'd like to hear from everyone about VIVO.

A Wonderful Conference The [Ninth Annual VIVO Conference](#) was held this past week at the beautiful JB Duke Hotel on the campus of beautiful Duke University. The conference provided a perfect setting for seeing the work of others, sharing and discussing current ideas, and learning more about VIVO, ontology, linked data, research information, faculty profiles, and much more. This year the organizers welcomed people working on other systems that collect and provide information about research activities and outputs.

A special thanks to [Paul Albert](#) who served as conference chair. Paul did an outstanding job. [Eric Meeks](#) served as program chair, organizing posters, presentations, invited talks, workshops, and introducing "unconference" sessions organized during the conference. [Julia Trimmer](#) served as local host, working with the hotel and university to insure everyone had everything they needed. They were supported by a conference team. Together they put on quite an event!

Did you present at the conference? As we have done in years past, we are making conference materials available through OpenVIVO. You can post your materials to Figshare (<http://figshare.com>) Be sure to identify yourself and your collaborators using ORCID, and tag your work #vivo18. The VIVO Project has automated scripts that pull in metadata from Figshare and populate OpenVIVO. We wish all conferences worked this way.

Leadership Group The [Leadership Group](#) is on the move. Lots of news:

- [Julia Trimmer](#) of Duke University has been elected acting chair of the Leadership Group and the Steering Group.
- Ginny Pannabecker of Virginia Tech has joined the group replacing Julie Griffin
- Doug Hahn of Texas A&M has joined the group replacing Michael Bolton
- [Muhammad Javed](#) of Cornell has joined the group replacing Dean Krafft
- An election for the bronze members representative is being concluded
- An election for three community representatives will begin shortly. Each will be elected to one year terms.
- The group will be meeting every four weeks and has adopted some new processes for conducting its business. The group will name the VIVO Steering Group in the weeks ahead. The Steering Group will assist Leadership by raising and discussing issues facing the project, and drafting documents for Leadership approval.

Upcoming Travel I will be on the road a bit over the next four weeks. Next week, I'll be in Umeå, Sweden for the EuroCRIS 2018 meeting. See <http://www.cris2018.se/> The meeting brings together people interested in Current Research Information Systems (CRIS). The following week I will be in Montreal for a [CASRAI](#) workshop, then in Philadelphia for a family gathering. After a few days home, I will be heading to Nanjing, China for the inaugural meeting of the Association for Data, Information, and Society. I'll be back home July 9. Should be great travels. My email may be a bit slow during some of these trips. I appreciate your patience.

Dean Krafft As we heard above, Dean Krafft, Chief Technologist of the Cornell University Libraries is stepping down from the VIVO Leadership Group, and from the VIVO Steering Group chair position, which he has held since VIVO joined Duraspace in 2013. I met Dean in 2009 in the writing of the VIVO grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health. We have worked closely together over the last nine years. It would be hard to imagine a better colleague, nor a person who has been more steadfast, supportive, creative, insightful, and professional in all he has done for VIVO over all these years. The community owes Dean an immeasurable debt of gratitude. Dean, you will truly be missed.

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