

2016-07-10 VIVO Updates

Apps Contest and Linked Data Contest. Do you have an application that uses VIVO data? Do you have a set of linked data that you can share? The VIVO Conference is holding its annual Application Contest and Linked Data Contest. You will receive an email this week with instructions for applying. Applications will be due August 1. It's easy to apply. Winners will be recognized in the program and recognized in OpenVIVO!

VIVO Conference room block ends this week. Time to register and reserve your room for the [VIVO Conference](http://vivoconference.org), August 17-19. The hotel room block will be released this week. And registration rates increase next week as well. This week is the best week to register and reserve your room. The conference has an extraordinary program with great keynotes, and invited speakers, workshops, contributed presentations and posters. Denver is a great place to visit and easy to get to via all major airlines. Register and book your hotel today! <http://vivoconference.org>

VIVO and Vitro 1.9 release candidates available. VIVO 1.9 and Vitro 1.9 release candidates are now available on GitHub. The standard install loads pre-built components from the Maven Central Repository (<http://search.maven.apache.org>) For VIVO, <https://github.com/vivo-project/VIVO/releases/tag/rel-1.9.0-rc1> and for Vitro, <https://github.com/vivo-project/Vitro/releases/tag/rel-1.9.0-rc1>. See the [Release Notes](#) for what's new! Testers welcome!

OpenVIVO is running rc1. OpenVIVO (<http://openvivo.org>) has been updated. It is running VIVO 1.9. One of the goals for OpenVIVO was to serve as a demonstration of new features in VIVO. You can see the new capability map in action, as well as the other items addressed in the release notes. Take a look at the notes and at OpenVIVO. And if you haven't joined OpenVIVO, it's very easy – just log on with your ORCID. Don't have an ORCID? It's easy to get one – just sign up at <http://orcid.org>. Just takes a minute or two.

Development Call This Thursday. Thursday at 1 PM US Eastern time, the [Development Interest Group](#) will have its call. All those interested in VIVO, Vitro and ontology development should attend this call. Hope to see you on the call Thursday.

Go VIVO!

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