

2017-11-05 VIVO Updates

Time for Camp! VIVO Camp starts this Thursday, November 9 in Durham, North Carolina at Duke University. It's never too late to register. See <https://go.o.gi/ocvznb> Camp is 2.5 days of hands on VIVO training for sites exploring VIVO, planning and conducting implementations. Camp is about all that stuff we talk about here and on the lists – working with faculty, developing use cases, planning an implementation, assembling a team, identifiers, linked data, SPARQL, VIVO and Vitro, ontology, and much more. This is not a conference, or a hackathon. It is training leading to development of new skills. Please join me, [Graham Triggs](#), [Julia Trimmer](#), [Violeta Ilik](#), [Paul Albert](#), and [Benjamin Gross](#) at VIVO Camp. We hope to see you there.

And a special thanks to [Julia Trimmer](#) and the folks at Duke for hosting VIVO Camp!

Where in the world is VIVO? Did you know that we have a list of all the VIVO sites in the world that we know of? It's right here: <http://duraspace.org/registry/vivo>. Anyone can add a new site to the list. And if you are on the list and would like to update your information, that's easy to do as well. We list sites that are implementing as well as sites that are in production. Have a new a site that isn't on the list? Please add your site!

Research Data Alliance. I had an opportunity to attend the 10th plenary meeting of the Research Data Alliance in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Everything was new for me. It was very exciting to see so many people so focused on creating the means for sharing research data. RDA is organized for work – plenary meetings are held every six months and consist of birds of a feather meetings, interest groups and working group meetings. There are posters, and a keynote, and some plenary business, but the vast majority of the meeting is work. I found that I knew quite a number of people working with RDA. And that the work of RDA is very aligned with the work of VIVO, and VIVO's core principles of open community, open ontology, open source software, and open, shared data. If you are involved in the production, curation, and sharing of research data, I would encourage you to participate in RDA. See <http://rd-alliance.org> Their next plenary meeting will be in Berlin, March 21-23, 2018.

Force 11. Another worthwhile group is Force 11. They held their annual meeting in Berlin, October 25-27. Force 11, founded as "Beyond the PDF" is dedicated to transforming scholarly communication – moving beyond static publications in peer reviewed journals to a more vibrant collection of scholarly outputs with a variety of participation and attribution models. The world of scholarly communication is changing rapidly, and VIVO plays an important role in collecting information about the activities of scholars in all forms of scholarship. Many Force 11 leaders and participants have experience with VIVO and understand the need for an open, shared, ecosystem. To learn more about Force 11, see <https://www.force11.org/>

Development Interest Group The [Development Interest Group](#) meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 1 PM US Eastern time. Are you a Java developer? Do you have access to a VIVO development environment? We'd love to hear from you and have you join the calls. Here's the WebEx link: <https://goo.gl/dwN1WH> Please join us!

Go VIVO!

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