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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 05, 2016 3:35 PM  
**To:** Richards, Chris  
**Subject:** Re: Potential interview for DivSeek study

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Safe travels.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2015 5:40 AM  
**Subject:** DivSeek 2016 San Diego  
**Attachments:** Agenda Jan 2016-1.pdf

Dear DivSeek partners and colleagues interested in DivSeek,

As per the email you received from Susan McCouch, DivSeek Chair, last month.

The DivSeek Initiative will hold a roundtable discussion between 13:00 and 17:00 on January 8, 2016. The location for the meeting at will be the Handlery Hotel 950 Hotel Circle, San Diego, USA.

An agenda for the meeting is attached.

**We invite 1-2 members from your organization to attend.**

If you haven't already done so can you please email to confirm whether or not your organization will be represented at the meeting and who will be attending?

Please note that as part of the discussions during the meeting we will address possible future DivSeek workshops. If you would like to submit a suggestion for workshop please send it by email by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

The proposal should be 1 page in length and needs to fit into one of following three categories

- community-building

- standard setting
- capacity-building

The proposal should also clearly state the following:

- goals of the workshop
- outline of topics or questions to be addressed
- suggested number and type of participants
- duration of workshop (number of days)
- possible venue(s)
- possible funding source to support the workshop

We hope to see you at the DivSeek roundtable discussion on Jan. 8 in San Diego, and we look forward to your input!

Regards and best wishes,

*Ruth Bastow*



## **DivSeek Roundtable Discussions**

**8 January 2016**

**Terrace Room, Handlery Hotel  
950 Hotel Circle, San Diego, USA**

### **Draft Provisional Agenda**

13:00 – 13:15	Welcome and opening of the meeting
	<b>DivSeek Updates</b>
13:15 – 13:45	Draft Landscape Study – Ruth Bastow and David Marshall Open Discussion
13:45 – 14:30	Interim Workplan – Susan McCouch and Peter Wenzl Open Discussion
14:30 – 15:00	Governance – Emily Marden and Peter Philips Open Discussion
15:00 – 15:30	Break

### **Start-Up Activities**

15:30 – 16:00	Permanent Unique Identifiers for germplasm – Susan McCouch and Ruaraidh Sackville Hamilton Open Discussion
16:00 – 16:30	Proposed DivSeek Workshops – Elizabeth Arnaud and Ruth Bastow Open Discussion
16:30 – 17:00	Open Discussion
17:00	Meeting Close

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The intro slides and follow up points from my email worked great. How did the discussion go?

Departmental seminar today and then a Ph.D. committee tomorrow and then off for some [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Re: URGENT Re: richness of collections

Hi Chris,

I did go ahead and present your slides today, but added a few points from your message and modified your slides a bit. Please find attached the version I presented (integrated into my introductory talk) - I hope this was acceptable...

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On Sun, Oct 18, 2015 at 11:09 PM, Hannes Dempewolf <[hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org](mailto:hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org)> wrote:

Hi Chris,

[REDACTED]

I am afraid I really need you to somehow record yourself while taking people through the slides. I am sorry if there was a misunderstanding but I thought I had mentioned this in my earlier emails when I had first approached you about this. Since it's all the CG genebank managers, who clearly know more about this than myself, I don't feel comfortable delivering the talk unprepared. It should be pretty straight forward to record yourself while clicking through the slides with PowerPoint. Do you think you could give it a try?

Am about to board my flight to Izmir now....

Cheers,  
Hannes

Am Oct 18, 2015 um 10:02 PM schrieb Richards, Chris <[Chris.Richards@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Chris.Richards@ars.usda.gov)>:

Sorry to leave you hanging like that, Hannes.

[REDACTED]

Not a recorded talk...more like talking points...but one that can at least engage the audience in discussions. I always assumed I wasn't my own slot but just a contributor to one.

It's important to realize that without a specific locus in mind, it's hard to simultaneously maximize diversity at all loci, since each locus has its own coalescent history.

The evidence from popular, Arabidopsis and Medicago is that adaptive variation associated with environment is very subtle even with high density SNPs. This because plants are rarely large and stable over time scale long enough to achieve equilibrium needed to build up responses large enough to detect. They typically blink in and blink out. Above this noise is the signal being carried forward from historical biogeographic range expansion and contractions...nothing to do with the current environmental conditions! What we find is that selection occurs in idiosyncratic ways.

My interest is to understand where data from distribution models can help us predict ecotypic variation (or more accurate where it fails)...and our preliminary results with the 35K popular and 125K Arabidopsis SNP data is that maximizing diversity on environments buys you very little excess diversity over just a random sample- even for non-synonymous SNPs.

What I propose is to more fully exploit SDM for making genetic simulations (this is what I'm currently doing).



The risk is that one has to make a million case specific (too true to be good!) models.

What I don't like about it is that it's a model based on parameters from aa modell

Anyway hope this helps.

Cheers,

Chris

**From:** Hannes Dempewolf [<mailto:hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 18, 2015 2:59 AM  
**To:** Richards, Chris  
**Cc:** [crichard@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:crichard@lamar.colostate.edu)  
**Subject:** URGENT Re: richness of collections

Hi Chris,

I am about to leave for Izmir and since the session with your talk in it will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1.30pm (i.e. 4:30am in Ft Collins), it would be important that you please send it to me today still, so I can download it and take it with me to Izmir! Have you worked out how to record yourself narrating the presentation?

Thanks!

Hannes

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On Tue, Oct 13, 2015 at 4:59 PM, Hannes Dempewolf <[hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org](mailto:hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org)> wrote:

Hi Chris,

OK, sounds good! The session is on Monday afternoon (1.30pm Izmir time)!

Cheers,

Hannes

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On Tue, Oct 13, 2015 at 4:56 PM, Richards, Chris <[Chris.Richards@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Chris.Richards@ars.usda.gov)> wrote:

Hi Hannes-

I'm giving a talk today but will have a few slides for you tomorrow and then we might Skype and talk over the ideas. When is the meeting?

Yes I've been actively working with Sean. The distribution of samples among sites is not new, nor is the limitations of the probabilistic models underpinning it. The simulation approach provides calibration for a wider range of structures found in nature. Right now many of the forward models are very simplistic...but they can be improved to account for more and more realism.

Running...

C.

**From:** Hannes Dempewolf [mailto:[hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org](mailto:hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2015 4:57 AM

**To:** Richards, Chris

**Subject:** Re: richness of collections

Hi Chris,

Also - have you noticed this? <http://agro.biodiver.se/2015/10/beyond-brown-marshall-part-1/>

Cheers,

Hannes

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On Tue, Oct 13, 2015 at 9:34 AM, Hannes Dempewolf <[hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org](mailto:hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org)> wrote:

Hi Chris,

Sorry to pester you again about this, but with the session being less than a week away, I am trying to make sure that all will go smoothly. Could you perhaps share with me your current draft?

Thanks,

Hannes

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On Mon, Oct 5, 2015 at 6:22 AM, Hannes Dempewolf <[hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org](mailto:hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org)> wrote:

Ok, great. Thanks! When you generate your slides, please bear in mind that much of the audience won't have much clue about pop gen theory, so it'll be important to describe things well.

Thanks!

Hannes

Am Oct 1, 2015 um 11:41 PM schrieb Richards, Chris <[Chris.Richards@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Chris.Richards@ars.usda.gov)>:

Hey Hannes-

Yes I've been thinking quite a lot about metrics lately. Will have something to you shortly.

Hope all is going well with you!

Cheers,

Chris

**From:** Hannes Dempewolf [<mailto:hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 11:27 AM

**To:** Richards, Chris  
**Subject:** Re: richness of collections

Hi Chris,

Has your thinking on this progressed? Hope all is well!

Hannes

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On Wed, Sep 9, 2015 at 6:10 AM, Hannes Dempewolf  
<[hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org](mailto:hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org)> wrote:

Ok, great! Thanks! :-)

Hannes

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On Mon, Sep 7, 2015 at 11:25 AM, Richards, Chris  
<[Chris.Richards@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Chris.Richards@ars.usda.gov)> wrote:

I'd be happy to do it. Will get back to you a little later in the week.

C.

**From:** Hannes Dempewolf [<mailto:hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 06, 2015 10:11 AM  
**To:** Richards, Chris  
**Subject:** richness of collections

Hi Chris,

I hope this message finds you well. Together with Ruaraidh, Tom and Michael, we are organizing a session at this years CG genebank managers AGM (that will take place at the end of October in Izmir, Turkey) on the topic of "How to measure the representativeness of collections". As you know this is an issue we have been mulling over for quite a while and it had lead to the conference call earlier this year with you on the same topic.

The idea for the session will be to discuss how best to analyze the composition of collections and their representativeness given the total available diversity in the gene pool. Another subject that has come up in preliminary discussions is the heterogeneity of accessions etc. The issues of exploring indicators to illustrate the richness of collections and defining useful targets for individual collections in relation to patterns of global diversity, will also be considered.

On a somewhat related matter, a few months back, I have also had a chat with IPK's Andreas Graner about this, who again was also very interested and suggested we consider applying for some funding through the German Biodiversity Synthesis program sDiv (<https://www.idiv.de/sdiv.html>) for a synthesis workshop (and possibly funding for a workshop) on this topic. IPK happens to be a member of iDiv, so this could work out well.


So, we were hoping to use the AGM session to hear a couple of introductory talks on what has been done so far (e.g. with the 3000K rice data at IRRI or data from the Seed of Discovery Project) and then discuss in plenary what precise questions we would need to get answered. We could then write up the outcomes of this session into a concept note that we could discuss again with you and Andreas Graner and hopefully enter it in the next call for sDiv proposals or some alternative funding opportunities.

Since you are so well versed in the theory behind these questions, we were hoping we may be able to convince you to put together a few slides on some of the

relevant pop gen theory. Not more than about 10 minutes worth or so. Perhaps it may even be possible for you to present and record it through Powerpoint, so we could show the file during the introductory part of the session? Just an idea of course.

Please let me now what you think!

Cheers,  
Hannes

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