Subject: 2836-A8E2-62C7 : CONSULT from gbird (post)
From: gbird-owner@lists.ncsu.edu
Date: 3/9/2017 3:40 PM
To: gbird-owner@lists.ncsu.edu

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The following request:

  "(post to gbird)"

was sent to NC State Email List Services
by Daniel Tompkins <TompkinsD@landcareresearch.co.nz>.

The request requires your confirmation for the following reason(s):

  A header line is too long (1654 > 1024)
  The message headers are too large (13189 > 2048)

To accept or reject this request, please do one of the following:

1. If you have web browsing capability, visit
   <http://lists.ncsu.edu/cgi-bin/mj_confirm/domain=lists.ncsu.edu?t=2836-A8E2-62C7>
   and follow the instructions there.

2. Reply to mj2@lists.ncsu.edu
   with one of the following two commands in the body of the message:

    accept
    reject

   (The number 2836-A8E2-62C7 must be in the Subject header)

3. Reply to mj2@lists.ncsu.edu
   with one of the following two commands in the body of the message:

    accept 2836-A8E2-62C7
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4. If you know the administrative password for the gbird list,
   all pending requests can be managed by visiting
   <http://lists.ncsu.edu/cgi-bin/mj_wwwadm/domain=lists.ncsu.edu/gbird?func=showtokens>

If you do not respond within 7 days, this token will expire,
and the request will not be completed.

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Subject: RE: March Update
From: Daniel Tompkins <TompkinsD@landcareresearch.co.nz>
Date: 3/9/2017 3:40 PM

To: Royden Saah <royden.saah@islandconservation.org>, "gbird@lists.ncsu.edu" <gbird@lists.ncsu.edu>

Thanks for the run-down Royden.

Just to note, the 'New Zealand's Biological Heritage National Science Challenge' has set up a 'bioethics committee' to consider issues such as gene drive for pest control. I guess you're likely thinking of a US based group in your second highlight below, but this could be a useful connection.

Cheers, Dan.

From: gbird-owner@lists.ncsu.edu [mailto:gbird-owner@lists.ncsu.edu] **On Behalf Of** Royden Saah
Sent: Friday, 10 March 2017 5:52 a.m.
To: gbird@lists.ncsu.edu
Subject: [gbird] March Update

GBIRd March Update
- Meetings and Structure
    - Still setting up institutional and focus area meetings. Some of you will have two meetings per month, some one.
    - It is time for a full GBIRd Team meeting
    - I will be focusing more on standard facilitation skills – sticking to time and agenda – out of respect for the people on calls.
    - I would like to further empower the focus area leads in the areas of strategy and milestones. We can discuss during monthly meetings and identify milestones that are not associated with funding or if/when funding occurs
    - I will start setting up monthly meetings and make a best shot at gathering the key people. With 14 focus area, seven organizations, I am wanting to reduce the reliance of Doodle Polls. This may be tricky, so work with me and please give feedback.
    - Listserv is still a bit clunky, but please use it! I encourage focus area leads to post updates occasionally.
- Regulatory
    - US-I have reached out to FDA to ensure FDA regulatory oversight in alignment with DARPA expectations in the SAFE GENES program. Thanks to NWRC for keeping this on the radar.
    - AU-I would like to designate a lead for AU regulatory engagement. Peter, let's have this as an agenda item for the next CSIRO meeting.
- Island Selection
    - This aspect is moving more quickly than expected. John and Karl have been actively engaged.
- Communications
    - 2 meetings done, one to go re: website development.
        - § Will also develop process for posting content to web to assure accuracy and quality (no typos/spelling) issues.
    - Nice Blog: Congrats Megan - https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/guest-blog/mice-as-conservationists/
- Biosafety
    - Many questions about this topic at recent meetings (CBD, Innovations Summit, OSTP, etc.) and by journalists. Steering committee working on a document that outlines our process. This will be posted to the website.
- Funding
    - NCSU in active negotiations with DARPA with a ceiling of $6.4M for the program. John leading effort.
    - Ongoing discussions with Gates Foundation. Heath leading effort.
    - Actively pursuing interface with Gene Drive Funders – meeting in DC end of March. Heath leading

               effort.
- o Actively pursuing audience with philanthropist at SAS. This foundation is mostly interested in data utilization in regards to conservation. Royden leading effort.
- o Considering USDA Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grant. NWRC was in lead, but recently reversed on ability to apply ($500K over 4 years). Looking like this will not be applied for due to time required.
- o Taproot for gratis Consultant services – would use in marketing/branding. Heath Leading effort.
- · Partnerships
  - o Trinational aspects of partnership shared at white house conference center presentation and national academy scoping meeting (IC, CSIRO, Landcare, USDA)
    - § Action Item: address 'private allele' issue from slide 17 with Steering Committee (or NCSU team)
    - § Both engagements were very well coordinated in terms of partnership focus.
- · Ethics
  - o No funding in DARPA negotiations for ethics, as they will have their own ethics panel
  - o QUESTION FOR STEERING COMMITTEE: Do we still want to move forward with an independent, external, Ethics Advisory Committee.
- · Stakeholder/Community Engagement
  - o DARPA funding stakeholder engagement activities in US
  - o Discussions ongoing regarding AU and NZ activities.

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─Attachments:───────────────────

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