



## EDIT 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BoD

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Naturalis, Leiden

### Executive Summary

#### Attendees:

Bertrand Pierre Galey (BPG) - MNHN - Chair  
Simon Tillier (ST) – Project/WP1 leader, MNHN  
Vanessa Demanoff (VD) - MNHN

Henrik Enghoff (HE) – UKBH and WP2 leader  
Marian Ramos (MR) - CSIC  
Sandrine Ulenberg (SU) - UvA  
Eric Smets (ES) - NHN  
Bert Geerken (BG) - NNM  
Leo Kriegsman (LK) – WP3 leader, NNM  
Christiane Quaiser (CQ) – WP3, NNM  
Pedro Crous (PC) - CBS  
Thomas Borsch (TBorsch)-BGBM  
Walter Berendsohn (WB) – WP5 leader, FUB  
Richard Lane (RL) - NHML  
Dave Roberts (DR) – WP6 leader, NHML  
Eimear Nic Lughadha (ENL) - RBGK

Johanna Eder (JE) - SMNS  
Camille Pisani (CP) - RBINS  
Thierry Backeljau (TB) – WP8 leader,  
RBINS  
Guido Gryseel (GG) - RMCA  
Jerome Degreef (JD) - NGBG  
Wieslaw Bogdanowicz (WBog) - MIZPAN  
Zbigniew Mirek (ZM) -IBPAN  
Eduard Stloukal (ES) - CUB  
Karol Marhold (KM) - IBSAS  
Yde De Jong (YDJ) - SMEBD  
Frank Bisby (FB) - SP 2000  
Dmitry Geltman (DG) - BINRAS  
Peter Lowry (PL) - MOBOT  
Reinhold Leinfelder (RLein) - MfN  
Christoph Häuser (CH) – WP7 leader  
- CETAF

Sybille Van den Hove (SVH) – SAC Chair  
Wouter Los (WL) – LifeWatch (4/01, 9:00 to 10:00) - invited

INRA represented by MNHN (Bertrand-Pierre Galey)  
ZINRAS represented by BINRAS (Dmitry Geltman)

#### **1. Welcome by chair& host**

#### **2. Report on JPA 3**

Presentation by Project Leader.

The reshuffling of WP4 activities was accepted by the Commission and dispatched in WP1, WP2 & WP3. Reinhold Leinfelder (MfN) accepted to be deputy leader of WP1.

#### **3. SAC report to the BoD**

The report from the SAC meeting was presented by SAC chair. The report will be available in March.

## Recommendations:

- be more in line with strategic vision needed
- grass root involvement to be improved
- less EDIT inward focus
- urgency to implement contents in EDIT tools
- risk of running out of steam

## 4. Discussion

→ Suggestions for future collaboration from the SAC: help on strategic work with the BoD, perhaps in a workshop.

→ work more towards a research strategy (where do we as EDIT want to go).

→ more engagement from directors needed

→ **decision item:** a working group on a strategic vision was created and will be led by Eimear Nic Lughadha from RBGK.

## 5. Follow-up on recommendations (annex 7)

→ **decision item:** directors asked the NO to provide on a regular basis (quarterly?) to the BoD an exploitable executive summary of recommendations.

There should also be some follow up on recommendations at each meeting of the BoD and in between. One director could be responsible for one set of recommendations.

## 6. Recommendation from BoD working group

→ **decision item:** the conclusion from the workshop on institutional integration submitted to the BoD suggested to create specific task forces devoted to each of the 9 avenues for integration. Those would try to give, within 6 months to a year from now, some precise idea on what should be needed in terms of funds, staff (in kind or cash), and organisation. The basic idea is to decide where, and see how far, it is possible to go in some fields of cooperation selected by the directors, after the end of the present contract, i.e. without the EDIT grant.

1. *Competency framework for curators* → DoCC to constitute task force
2. *Collection Policy* → DoCC to constitute task force
3. *Scientific Evaluation metric* → regarding evaluation: Eimear Nic Lughadha, Marian Ramos, Camille Pisani, Eric Smets, Henrik Enghoff, Edouard Stloukal, Karol Marhold & Richard Lane).
4. *Integrated research* → WP7 for ATBI, support joint research to WP1 & WP2, and cybertaxonomy to WP5  
E publication and taxonomic journals is being tackled by WP3 (group working on scientific publications).
5. *Tools for taxonomic research* → WP5
6. *Training* → WP8
7. *Instruments for common policy* → WP2 . ENL could lead the task force.
8. *Promoting taxonomy & collections to stakeholders (science & society)* → coordination by Daphne, but this should be taken into account in each topic.

9. *Instruments of long term integration* → coordination (WP1) will work on that.

## 7. Discussion

→ Next tangible possibility is to discuss the respective roles of CETAF & EDIT in the perspective of long term integration during the next CETAF meeting & EDIT steering committee (March 25<sup>th</sup>).

## 8. EDIT in International Year of Biodiversity & report on integrated approaches of PA activities towards 2010 & beyond (*annexes 10 & 11*)

Thierry Backeljau informed the BoD of the projects in preparation.

## 9. Information item: LifeWatch (*see ppt presentation*)

Presentation by Wouter Los on the current state of affairs.

How to contribute:

- Countries & networks can join in.
- Convince countries to contribute to the preparatory phase. Help mobilize the research community. For this, establish national Life Watch networks.
- Call for LifeWatch labelled supporting projects.

EDIT involvement & benefits:

- EDIT has a position in the Policy & Science Board (where you find both member states and networks).
- We expect new funding mechanism for data collections & digitization
- There should be sustained financial support for key databases
- Support for the metadata catalogue of collections and the GBIF action plan for digitisation of metadata.
- Development of specific infrastructure portals (applications):

## 10. Presentation & decision item: IP framework document (*annex 1*)

→ **decision item:** the BoD agreed to the creation of the IPUDC.

The scope of the document has to be determined. A group will take charge of that (perhaps led by NHML). A version 2 will be drafted on the basis of comments received.

## 11. Addition of new partner: Royal Botanical Gardens Edinburgh (*annexes 2 & 3*)

→ **decision item:** Unanimous decision on adhesion of RBGE as from beginning of JPA 4.

## 12. Discussion on MoUs (*list of available MoUs – annexes 4 & 5*)

A list of submitted & proposed MoUs was distributed. The list is to make Directors aware of MoUs in preparation, and to prepare for them, as the signing process is slow.

Directors are asked to check whether those MoUs submitted have been signed by their institutions. Institutions having signed MoUs are asked to provide some follow-up on implementation.

**13. & 15 Presentation 4th JPA & Budget** (*annexes 8 & 9 + ppt presentation*)

Each WP leader stressed a few activities in their plan for the next period.  
The agenda for reporting was presented.  
The draft JPA 4 budget was presented.

**14. Discussion item: EDIT General Meeting & Science Symposium**

→ **Information item:** the General Meeting and science symposium to take place the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2009, along with some side events, in Bratislava (probably over 4 or 5 days, including the side meetings). An organising science committee is to be constituted for the Science symposium on Molecular Taxonomy. The General meeting will provide an opportunity for the directors' working group to meet, and / or to have a brainstorming session with the SAC (however it may be a bit too early for the latter). The NO will communicate shortly on that.

**16. other items**

Regarding annex 11 (*wild wonders of Europe*), we should lobby for a more representative list of species and basic information on what taxonomy is, or conservation success stories.

**17. date of Next meeting**

→ **suggestion:** Meeting of directors during the GM is useful: Working group or formal meeting. Could also be a meeting involving the SAC.