

We look forward to seeing you in London in June 2014. Don't hesitate to contact us at GGBN@si.edu.

Best Regards,

The GGBN International Steering Committee











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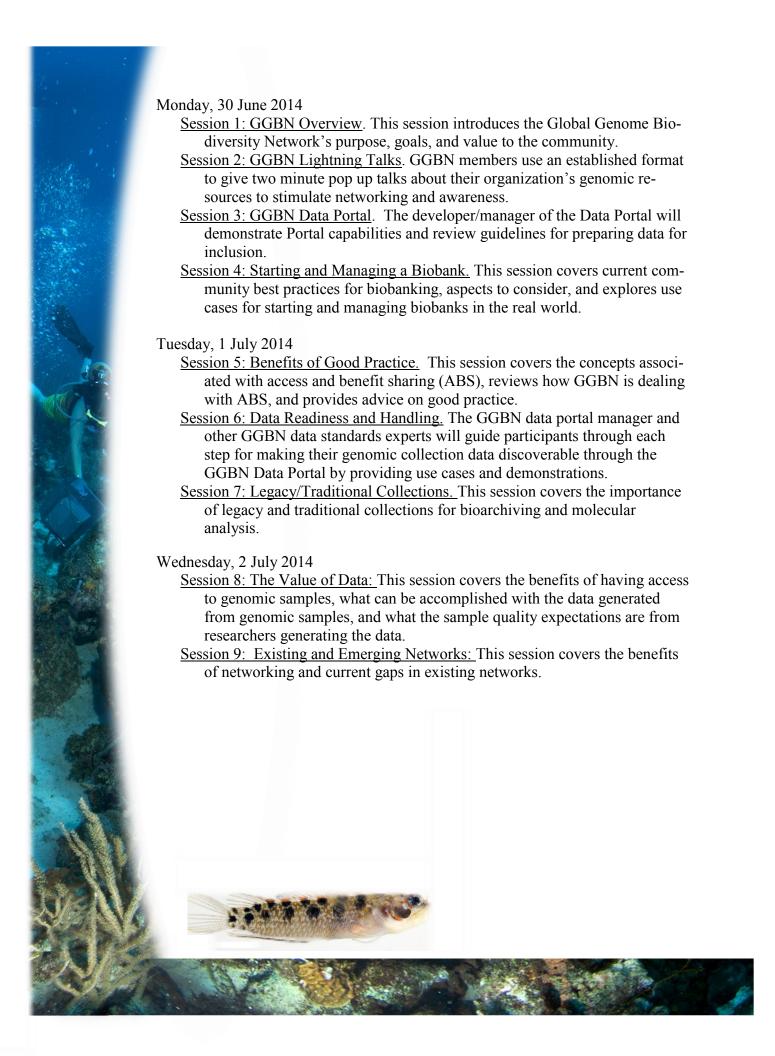


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Preliminary Conference Program The GGBN Conference will engage participants through a wide range of meeting formats. Organizers have designed the program to provide information, stimulate forward-looking discussion and enhance communication. Monday - Natural History Museum London 30 June 2014 0900 0915 Welcome Session 1: GGBN Overview 0915 1000 1000 1100 Session 2: GGBN Lightning Talks 1100 1130 Networking Coffee Break Session 3: GGBN Data Portal 1130 1215 1215 1315 Lunch 1315 1700 Session 4: Starting and Managing a Biobank Tuesday - Natural History Museum London 0900 1130 1 July 2014 Session 5: Benefits of Good Practice 1130 1230 Session 6: Data Readiness and Handling 1230 1330 Lunch NHM Collection Tours 1330 1430 1430 1500 Networking Break Session 7: Legacy and Traditional 1500 1700 Collections Wednesday - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew 2 July 2013 0900 0915 Welcome 0915 1100 Session 8: The Value of Data 1100 1130 Session 9: Emerging Networks 1400 1430 Session 10: Capstone Presentation and Next Steps 1430 1500 Networking Break 1500 1700 **Kew Collections Tours**



TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants will be responsible for arranging their own travel and hotel accommodations. Travel and hotel information will be posted on the Conference website after 1 November 2013.

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

All announcements, documents, and information resources related to the GGBN 2014 Conference will be posted on the Conference Website: GGBN.org/conference (starting 1 November 2013). Please visit the website for the most current conference information.

IMPORTANT DATES LEADING UP TO GGBN 2014 CONFERENCE

As you plan your participation in the GGBN 2014 Conference, please keep the following important dates and deadlines in mind:

16 July 2013: Release of First Conference Announcement (this document)

1 November 2013: Release of Second Conference Announcement with: Full agenda with invited speakers Call for submission of abstracts

1 November 2013: Release of registration site, hotel and traveler information

15 January 2014: Deadline for submission of abstracts

1 May 2014: Release of electronic abstract volume

1 May 2014: Release of Third Conference Announcement with final agenda

30 June-2 July: GGBN 2014 Conference

CONFERENCE FEES

There will be no registration fee for the GGBN 2014 Conference.

