**Topic:** Getting started with wikidata
**Date:** 2021 March 25
**Time:** 12 PM Eastern

**In Attendance**

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| Mathias Dillen, MBG | Margaret Landis, OMNH | Erica Krimmel, iDigBio/FSU |
| Holly Little, NMNH | Christina Byrd, MCZ | Jessica Cundiff, MCZ |
| Lindsay Walker, NHMLA | Jessica Utrup, YPM | Talia Karim, CUMNH |
| Roger Burkhalter, OMNH | Nicole Neu-Yagle DMNS | Gil Nelson, iDigBio/UF |
| Amanda Millhouse, NMNH | Cynthia Carr, CUMNH | Nicole Volden, NMMNS |
| Jacob Van Veldhuizen CUMNH | David Shorthouse, Bionomia | Aidan Houlihan |
| Vicky Wang, PRI | Eva Biedron, MCZ | Cyrus Green, MCZ |
| Kari Lintulaakso, Finnish Museum of Natural History LUOMUS | Janaki Krishna, UMNH | |

**Resources**

- Paleo Data Working Group [Google Folder](#)
- GitHub: https://github.com/tdwg/esp

**Agenda & Notes**
- Wikidata basics - how could I implement the Bionomia workflow we discussed in February?
- Data structure within Wikidata
  - People (deceased)
  - Collections descriptions
  - Collecting localities
- Best practices and norms for working in Wikidata and creating new records
  - Facts need citations (journal obituaries, archives, etc.)
  - What else is happening related to paleontology in wikidata?

**Action Items**
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**Notes**

- Wikidata ~ Wikipedia, but more structured (more database-like)
    - P#s (properties) + Q#s (items)
    - Q#s - people
- Searching for people: Wikidata Query Service
    - https://query.wikidata.org
- Adding people, example for Rolf Ludvigsen
- https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q106189410
- Links from Mathias' talk
    - http://baskauf.blogspot.com/2021/03/writing-your-own-data-to-wikidata-using_18.html
    - https://quickstatements.toolforge.org
    - https://doi.org/10.37044/osf.io/93qf4
    - https://services.bgbm.org/botanypilot/person/q/Q1349394
    - https://github.com/matdillen/STSM-wikidata-people
    - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Palaeontology
    - https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:List_of_properties
- Link to presentation: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1PQI492D9EhbwbyG_ZqIeQXZYipZisEnt3gedNJpDyEw/
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**Links to Resources / Videos**

How to Edit Wikidata: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=645bk8HQ4aw
How to make SPARQL queries: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jHoUkj_mKw
Instances of paleontological sites with an optional image: https://w.wiki/38JJ

**Chat Copy**
09:00:04 From Holly Little to Everyone : Today's notes - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Zhq6StDmiI7TPE_gYsHNYXFkdFyN4tYG_iHpFwBbhVw/edit?usp=sharing
09:05:46 From David Shorthouse to Everyone : Happy guy
09:06:19 From Erica Krimmel to Everyone : He does look pretty chipper 😂
09:18:46 From Erica Krimmel to Everyone : We are/will continue posting the links from Mathias' slides in our Happy Hour shared notes for everyone's future reference
09:25:14 From David Shorthouse to Everyone : The </> Code link in that SPARQL query interface shows how to construct code in Perl, Python, R, Ruby, etc.
09:27:06 From Talia S. Karim (She/Her) to Everyone :
https://www.courtenaymuseum.ca/memory-rolf-ludvigsen/

09:27:29 From David Shorthouse to Everyone : The Description shows up in search drop-downs.

09:30:48 From Talia S. Karim (She/Her) to Everyone : Very cool

09:34:30 From Erica Krimmel to Everyone : Here's the fresh record for Rolf: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q106189410

09:34:33 From Jessica Utrup to Everyone : Some things are in there already too - so like you can add a reference that is "stated in" and the Biographical Memoirs of the National Academy of Sciences is a source already there that you can link too.

09:35:05 From Talia S. Karim (She/Her) to Everyone : Fresh Rolf 😂

09:36:13 From Jessica Utrup to Everyone : Is there a way to denote "special" collections held at an institution? Like Tahlia's big fossil insect collection?

09:36:18 From Jessica Utrup to Everyone : Talia (sorry!)

09:37:26 From Erica Krimmel to Everyone : @jessica that's a good question, and I think/hope that when we talk about the Collections Description format on April 8th with the Field Museum folks they might also have ideas on how to answer it

09:37:40 From Jessica Utrup to Everyone : @Erica Thanks!

09:38:02 From Talia S. Karim (She/Her) to Everyone : Yes, we will add that question for the CD presentation

09:39:01 From Erica Krimmel to Everyone : that's so cool!!

09:39:06 From Talia S. Karim (She/Her) to Everyone : Super cool!

09:39:18 From Jessica Utrup to Everyone : My thoughts exactly!

09:46:06 From Kari Lintulaakso to Everyone : While doing the SPARQL query, do you need to memorize all those specific codes for surnames etc. in order to make the query, instead of a traditional SQL WHERE surname= type of query?

09:48:47 From David Shorthouse to Everyone : See https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:List_of_properties

09:49:06 From Erica Krimmel to Everyone : Thanks, David!

09:50:02 From Kari Lintulaakso to Everyone : Fine!

09:53:03 From Jessica Utrup to Everyone : Great idea Talia!

09:53:17 From Nicole Neu-Yagle to Everyone : That would be so awesome

09:54:22 From Vicky Wang to Everyone : What about datasets from collaborative projects?

09:55:17 From David Shorthouse to Everyone : https://bionomia.net/Q106189410  :)~

09:55:32 From Talia S. Karim (She/Her) to Everyone : :)

09:57:44 From David Shorthouse to Everyone : There's a merge feature in Wikidata.

09:59:44 From David Shorthouse to Everyone : And, through SPARQL you can ask "what items have a redirect, when was it merged and what do they redirect to"? Can also ask through SPARQL if any items have recently changed.

09:59:59 From Talia S. Karim (She/Her) to Everyone : Thank you! I learned a ton.

10:00:02 From Christina J Byrd to Everyone : Thank you for sharing!

10:00:09 From Jessica Utrup to Everyone : Thank you so much!

10:00:19 From David Shorthouse to Everyone : Thanks Mathias!

10:00:21 From Nicole Neu-Yagle to Everyone : Thank you!

10:00:23 From Eva M Biedron to Everyone : Thanks!