

International ALA Workshop & 3rd CoopBioPlat Meeting Madrid (Spain), 3-7 October 2016

Wrap up / Conclusions / Action points

- There is a general interest in organising and participating in an annual or bi-annual workshops around this topic
- Future meetings can be divided in two parts :
 - installation of portal
 - integration of community (improvement, projects)
- Workshops around this topic are really necessary: they are essential to make the community live. Not only European because ALA is a worldwide project
- There was a consensus that running a workshop focussed on the spatial portal tools was a good idea. Timeframe, potential location etc. are not set yet
- It will be great if one of the next workshops takes place in Australia: to discuss directly with the developpers
- Currently there are:

8 ALA portals in production

Australia: <http://www.ala.org.au/>

Brazil

2 portals but none of them is the national portal of the with GBIF Brazil

<https://portaldabiodiversidade.icmbio.gov.br/portal/> : portal based on ALA

Costa Rica: <http://www.crbio.cr>

France: <http://portail.gbif.fr/>

Portugal: <http://dados.gbif.pt/>

Spain: <http://datos.gbif.es/>

Argentina <http://datos.sndb.mincyt.gob.ar/>

UK <https://nbnatlas.org/>

Scotland <https://scotland.nbnatlas.org/>

Wales <https://wales.nbnatlas.org/>

5 ALA portals in progress

Benin

Canadensys

Andorra

Mexico

Sweden

8 GBIF nodes interested

Denmark
Germany waiting for funding
Luxembourg
Chile
New Zealand
Ireland
South Africa
Norway

- Rui Figueira (GBIF Portugal) highlighted some issues with the GBIF Portugal installation that we have now fixed after the workshop
- The ALA team are working to the roadmap here:
<https://github.com/AtlasOfLivingAustralia/documentation/wiki/RoadMap> and help, input is welcome.
- Documentation - It was recognised that the ALA images service component needs some documentation here:
<https://github.com/AtlasOfLivingAustralia/documentation/wiki> The documentation would cover installation and basic usage.
- A page on the gbif.org with information around ALA and its implementation by other countries is needed
- Rui mentioned the importance of developing an ALA portal covering a big area such as the Peninsula Iberica (no biodiversity border) useful to make different scientific studies
- As the GBIF Implementation Plan states the Secretariat will already allocate one person for ALA tasks (not full time). But:
we need a full time person, with technical background but also someone who needs to have competences in management, answering calls for projects, etc. (Not Tim Robertson who already has a lot of work)
- After the workshop and the CoopBioPlat meeting in Madrid it was clear that more support from the GBIF Secretariat in this task is needed. So, members of GBIF France, GBIF Portugal and GBIF Spain prepared the text [here](#) (changes highlighted in orange) to be add it in the GBIF Implementation Plan 2017-2021. 16 GBIF participants endorsed this proposal that would be discussed in the next GB23 in Brazil.
- ESFRI project (DISSCO): leading by CETAF, more participants, Europe can have a role in this:

- During the GB23, Anne-Sophie need to talk to other European countries to know who is interested to be involved.
- what is the contribution of GBIF secretariat ?