

**Subject:** Re: FW: INVITATION: Talking about Gene Drive - Nov 4 in Baltimore  
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**Date:** 7/13/2017 4:52 PM  
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Hi Royden,

Thanks for sending this along. I will be up there and am hoping to also be at the FNIH event the following day. Agreed that not all folks certainly need to be there, but copying Jason as my understanding is that the DARPA event will be LEEDR focused (5-10 minutes/team, details forthcoming).

John

On Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 4:44 PM, Royden Saah <[royden.saah@islandconservation.org](mailto:royden.saah@islandconservation.org)> wrote:

Hi John, Fred and Gregg,

See below for info on a DARPA engagement on Nov 3. Sounds like it is not super critical that all key Safe Gene GBIRD'ers attend, but as we are tentatively structuring the dates for the GBIRD annual meeting (~Nov 5) and the Regulatory Meeting IC (~Nov 6-7) is convening, I wanted to ensure awareness and solicit feedback to me if necessary.

Warm Regards,  
Royden

-----Original Message-----

From: Wegrzyn, Renee [mailto:[renee.wegrzyn@darpa.mil](mailto:renee.wegrzyn@darpa.mil)]  
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Subject: INVITATION: Talking about Gene Drive - Nov 4 in Baltimore

Hello Safe Genes Community,

Please see opportunity below from Stephanie James at FNIH on Nov 4 in Baltimore, MD "Talking about Gene Drive".

For those of you that will be in the area, I will organize a short LEEDR engagement for Safe Genes community on the afternoon of Nov 3 at DARPA. We are still working out the Agenda for that meeting, but we anticipate that it will be ~2hrs in the afternoon. We will also have webinar/tcon

access for those that won't be travelling to the area.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Renee

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-----Original Message-----

From: James, Stephanie (FNIH) [T] [mailto:[sjames@fnih.org](mailto:sjames@fnih.org)]  
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 5:10 PM  
Subject: RE: Talking about Gene Drive

Dear colleagues,

FNIH is now ready to begin serious preparations for the proposed communications workshop "Talking about Gene Drive," to be held on November 4, 2017, in Baltimore, MD. At this time, we request that you go to our online registration site at [fnih.org/TalkingAboutGeneDrive](http://fnih.org/TalkingAboutGeneDrive) and confirm your intention to participate. We need the information on number of people we can expect to attend in order to reserve a room for the meeting. Therefore, we respectfully request that you confirm your attendance no later than July 31.

Since we still have plenty of flexibility about room size right now, you are welcome to forward this invitation to other researchers working on gene drive whom you think would be interested in attending the workshop. However, please make sure they also know that they must respond by July 31. After that time, we can't guarantee we will be able to accommodate any additional participants.

Again, we hope that you will join us for some interesting and useful discussions on this timely subject.

Best regards,

Stephanie

From: James, Stephanie (FNIH) [T]

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Subject: RE: Talking about Gene Drive

Dear colleagues,

Based on demonstration of interest, the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH) will sponsor a one day workshop on the topic of "Talking about Gene Drive" - to be held just before the annual American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) meeting on November 4, 2017, in Baltimore, MD.

The intent of the workshop will be to:

- \* discuss how gene drive technology is being described in the media and at venues such as the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- \* consider ways to work together to enhance communication and clarify public perception about gene drive technology;
- \* share some basic communications skills that might come in handy in the future

A revised draft agenda responding to various initial comments is attached.

The workshop is open to those working on gene drive technology for public health and conservation goals. We believe this will provide an important venue for bringing both groups together to discuss plans for communicating about the technology with the public. Please let me know if there are others not included on this list who might be interested in attending. FNIH will open a registration page closer to the time in order to judge logistics requirements.

FNIH will support the cost of the meeting space, food (breakfast and lunch) and speaker travel. We are holding this workshop in conjunction with the ASTMH meeting because many interested parties are already planning to attend that meeting. We regret that FNIH cannot support the participation of all attendees. We assume that most of you have some travel support from other sources, but please let me know if that is not the case. We hope that you will add this to your calendar and plan to join us for some lively conversation!

Best regards,

Stephanie

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