**Trip Report – CSIRO and Australian Presentations and Meetings**

**2August2017**

This is the final trip report for my time as a visiting scientist with CSIRO. Due to time obligations, it will be abbreviated and stick to Australian engagements. Please contact Peter if you have any questions, as we have been working closely together during the last couple weeks here in Canberra.

My goals in Australia and New Zealand were to:

* Engage/Support/Motivate Existing GBIRd Partners in Southern Hemisphere
* Catalyze High-Level Engagements within AU & NZ to increase Understanding and Awareness of GBIRd
* Catalyze Increased Involvement in AU/NZ Focus Areas
* Increase Multi-Lateral Energy of Partnership – i.e. crate more parity re: national involvement/focus (AU/NZ/US)
* Secure More Funding (as usual)

During my tenure, I became more aware of how Australia and New Zealand operate. I better understand what travel means to Kiwis and Aussies, and yes, it us much different than what is means to N. or S. Americans or Europeans! The MOU is signed by all Southern Hemisphere parties, with the last signature pending.

The science, conservation, and social dynamics occurring here are clearly world class. My hope is that my tenure here will create short-term and long-term benefits for both the greater GBIRd partnership and especially my employer IC, as this effort would not have been otherwise possible.

I am emailing all of the associated trip reports to the steering committee along with this one, They include:

* Trip Report – AVPC 2017
* Trip Report AAHL Geelong 2017
* Trip Report – Adelaide and Grain Belt June 2017
* NZ Trip Report

**Key Meetings and Presentations July 11- Aug 2:**

July 19: Meeting with Andreas Glanznig, former CEO of Invasive Species Cooperative Research Center (ended in June), current CEO of Center for Invasive Species Solutions

July 20: CSIRO GBIRd Team Meeting

July 21: GBIRd Presentation by Paul Murphy’s invitation (Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity Branch, Dept Env & Energy).

July – weekly meetings with Elaine Murphy, exploring funding for NZ involvement

July 21: Meeting with Veronica Blazely, Director Env. Biosecurity, Dept Env & Energy)

July 21: Meeting with Ray Nias, Director Southwest Pacific, Island Conservation

July 25: Meeting with Martin Cole, Science Director, Agriculture & Food, CSIRO

July 26: Assist with CSIRO Wallaby contraceptive program CSIRO (morning)

July 26: Meet with Atticus Fleming, CEO Australian Wildlife Conservancy

July 28: Meet with Jutta Tuerck, Research Coordinator, Plant Biosecurity Coop Research Centre

July 28: GBIRd Presentation – to CSIRO Land, H2O, and Ecosystem Seminar -Includes External

August 1: Meet with Simon Ferrier and Tom Harwood – Systems level modeling, CSIRO

August 1: Meet with Dean Paini – Health and Biosecurity expert at CSIRO