

Subject: RE: Fall 2017 GBIRd Meeting

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Thanks for the feedback Karl. I also got some concern about the cost of Washington accommodations.

Our kick-off meeting for this partnership was in CO, USA. Second meeting was in NC, USA. With 4 steering committee members working/residing south of the equator, and 5 in the north, we are overdue already.

The best days for this meeting appear to be Nov 5-6. Everyone who responded could make this timeframe. It will coincide with a meeting Heath is coordinating and for which steering committee members will already be in the Washington DC area. **I am meeting with federal partners today and will put forward this date for regulators (Monday Nov 6).** I will put out a save the date email after I confirm that this is doable at the federal level.

With Appreciation,
Royden

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Hi Royden,

I have nothing scheduled that'd not allow me to attend Oct-Dec.

If we can combine our general meeting with a US regulators meeting, then I think DC makes sense. It'll be in a new financial year for US government so as you note, some uncertainties.

I think we also need to consider a partnership meeting in the Southern Hemisphere, so would like to propose that for 2018.

Cheers,
Karl

On Mar 27, 2017, at 8:32 AM, Royden Saah <royden.saah@islandconservation.org> wrote:

Hello Steering Committee,

I am starting the process of planning the Annual GBIRD Conference. I have had some great suggestions and will bring them together in this proposal moving forward:

- Combining the GBIRD Conference with a larger, more external meeting can be helpful at this time. I understand that there is a desire in the US side to assist with the process of clarifying processes that lead to a safe and effective path to permitted activities re genetically engineered organisms. Somewhat mirroring the current AU process.
- If DARPA funds the proposal as described in the SOW, Washington is the frontrunner regarding location. It is more expensive, but the grant requests/requires good coordination between Safe Genes/GBIRD program and regulators. US Federal Employees will most likely still have the travel ban that is currently in effect for some agencies, meaning, even if funding is external, authorization for travel may be unlikely. (Toni – please share thoughts on how this could affect NWRC for this meeting)
- There is good template for a more public meeting followed by a more focused meeting.
 - Examples: OCED, followed by Annual GBIRD in Oct 2016. CSIRO's Gene Drive Workshop followed by AU Regulatory Meeting July 2016
- We may be able to get external assistance for travel and creating a product – more to come on that.

So, I would like to know if there is any concern or decent on having the next GBIRD meeting in Washington and coupling it with a larger US regulatory focused meeting. Please contact me directly if so. Also, feel free to voice support directly, which will allow me to better understand & navigate the process if Steering Comm. is not unanimous on this approach.

Also, I would like to lock in dates for the meeting. **Please let me know what weeks you will NOT be able to attend a meeting in DC between First Week in Oct (1Oct17) and second week in Dec (11Dec17).**

Next Steps: I will get the best weeks for the steering committee and propose those to the larger GBIRD list for final decision making on GBIRD Annual Conference date.

With Appreciation,
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