

Invitation to a Workshop: Creating The European GTI Toolkit - Capacity Building for the Global Taxonomy Initiative

In June 2004, a workshop was held at the International Academy for Nature Conservation (INA) on the Isle of Vilm, Germany. This workshop called '**Building Capacity for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) in a larger Europe**' brought together 16 representatives of 13 countries and international organisations to report about the current state of taxonomy and taxonomic institutions in their countries, and to discuss further steps in implementing the GTI in a wider Europe.

One outcome of the discussions at the workshop was the call for a European GTI-Toolkit, in which all relevant documents and reports from CBD bodies, information about funding mechanisms and opportunities, sources for taxonomic data, maps, gazetteers, etc should be collected, to allow new and upcoming GTI focal points and individuals to become involved in the GTI and to get started efficiently.

The work towards creating such a European GTI-toolkit has not been finalized yet and so we would like to invite an equally motivated and experienced group of individuals to participate in a hands-on workshop for completing this toolkit. Another such workshop, naturally, will also provide a good opportunity to report, update and discuss latest developments concerning GTI in the EU and elsewhere.

This workshop will include a lot of hands-on work by all participants in collecting and arranging documents, and also in writing introductions and texts in as many European languages as possible. Thus, we strongly encourage you to bring your own notebooks and relevant materials to the workshop. We do have a number of computer work stations, notebooks, and other equipment available here, but we cannot provide machines to all participants.

Financial support for travel and accommodation is available for a limited number of participants. In case of need, please, contact us directly. If you are unable to attend yourself, please feel free to pass this invitation to other interested colleagues in your country or organisation.

Looking forward to meeting you soon in Stuttgart

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Date, venue & contacts

Date: 6th – 8th June, 2005

Venue: Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Stuttgart [State Museum for Natural History], Rosenstein 1, D-70191 Stuttgart, Germany

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Preliminary Programme

Saturday/Sunday: 4th/5th June 2005

Arrival in Stuttgart

Monday, 6th June 2005

9:00

Welcome and Introduction to the workshop

9:30 – 12:30

Reports on GTI from SBSTTA10 and SCBD

Reports from European GTI NFPs and regional GTI workshops

Reports from relevant European GTI projects: EDIT, SYNTHESYS, etc

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00

Identifying the elements for a European Toolkit

16:00 – 17:30

Hands-on workshop (in two parallel working groups): gathering information, putting together elements and components, manufacturing the toolkit:

WG I: Official texts and documents (COP & SBSTTA docs, national reports, GTI CM texts, etc), background and PR materials (general texts about taxonomy, case studies, etc), information about funding sources.

WG II: Relevant taxonomic data, tools and services (directories/lists of taxonomic experts, projects on European fauna & flora, maps & gazetteers, etc.), links and websites, GTI webpage toolkit.

Tuesday, 7th June 2005

9:00 – 12:30

Hands-on workshop (in two parallel working groups) *continued*.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:30

Putting it all together: structuring of elements and documents for the toolkit, finalising the documentation, CDs and webpage templates, if possible in different languages.

20:00

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Wednesday, 8th June 2005

9:00-12:30

Next steps: Implementing the GTI in Europe: projects, priorities, and strategies
Web design for a GTI-NFP webpage (based on the German NFP webpage as example)

Production of a CD-ROMs for each participant

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:30

Tour and visit to the museum's collections and exhibitions

Departure of participants

Coffee breaks will be included at a convenient time. Coffee, snacks and other refreshments will also be available during the working groups.

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