



enabling national
networking of scientists

Message from 2011 VIVO Conference Chair and Program Chair

Greetings!

In less than two years, the goal of establishing a national network of scientists has blossomed into a world effort to partner in support of an open information infrastructure for research discovery, collaboration and scholarly work. We are constantly amazed at the level of energy and passion surrounding researcher networking and the advancement of team science.

We are particularly excited about the [Second Annual VIVO Conference](#) and the opportunities it presents to attendees for collaboration and exploration.

It is our honor to highlight the resource discovery and research networking community in this year's conference program, including presentations from the six [mini-grant awardees](#) and the original [VIVO consortium](#). There is also a remarkable international presence at the 2011 VIVO Conference, and the program includes a wide variety of interesting lectures, panels, and posters targeted to audiences across the scholarly spectrum, including scholars, scientists, researchers, developers, publishers, funding agencies, research officers, students, institutional officials and those supporting discovery and the development of open collaborative science. More details are available in the [preliminary conference agenda](#).

Over the past two years, the VIVO consortium enjoyed substantial growth and now has more than 50 VIVO projects in progress around the world. We are excited to be part of this incredible opportunity for people from across the country and around the world to come together in the spirit of promoting scholarly collaboration and research discovery.

We envision the Second Annual VIVO Conference as an extension of our mutual passion and interest, and the VIVO Conference is the essence of information sharing about researchers and their activities. We purposefully built ample networking opportunities into this year's conference program so that everyone can reconnect with old friends and connect with new colleagues. [Gaylord National](#) provides a beautiful backdrop for the conference with its lush, indoor atrium and imaginative seating areas – a perfect conduit for creative thinking and stimulating discourse.

We have a number of exciting activities planned for this year's conference. This three-day conference is an excellent opportunity for you to meet with VIVO team members from participating institutions, and offers an open and collaborative environment to share ideas. The conference promises to be an opportunity for everyone from across the research and scholarly spectrum to discuss topics related to adoption and implementation of VIVO and the opportunities created by advancing team science.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Kindest Regards,

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