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Sent: lunes, 1 de junio de 2020 13:03
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Cc: proyectos@cyted.org
Subject: CYTED e GBIF

Dear Prof. Tello da Gama,

I am writing to you in your role of General Secretary of CYTED, and mine as GBIF Node Manager for CYTED (i.e., CYTED contact for GBIF matters). I am aiming to explain to you the relation between CYTED and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). I decided to write in English, since my written Portuguese is non-existent (although I can understand a good deal, I have been working in projects with colleagues from the Jardim Botânico de Lisboa for over a decade, and I have some good friends there), and I did not want to take for granted that you would be comfortable being approached in Spanish.

GBIF is an intergovernmental organization, also open to International organizations. CYTED is member of GBIF since 2006 (<https://www.gbif.org/participant/286>). GBIF is the largest platform on biodiversity data in the world, promoted by the OECD, functioning since 2001, including 60 country members. Its vision is to have "A world in which biodiversity information is freely and universally available for science, society and a sustainable future".

This vision is very well aligned with CYTED's, and makes perfect sense in a region such as Latin America, one of the most biodiverse regions of the world, with significant needs and potential regarding the knowledge of biodiversity, its conservation and its sustainable management, where many issues are best understood and solved, beyond the national borders, via scientific cooperation.

GBIF member countries pay an annual contribution linked to their GDP and per capita income (Spain pays about 190.000 €/yr). Organizations such as CYTED do not pay (and accordingly have limited voting rights, and cannot chair standing committees). The membership agreement document is called "Memorandum of Understanding" and in the case of CYTED was renewed and signed in 2013.

On the ground, collaboration between CYTED and GBIF started with a "red temática": "Red de colecciones Biológicas (2005-2008). At that time --when I was Chair of the GBIF National Nodes Committee-- we push for and implemented a regional strategy for GBIF, that network was catalytic in creating a group of people -- the National GBIF Node Managers in Latin America-- that was very active in creating capacity in biodiversity data management and analysis, and in submitting and executed successfully a number of projects. In more recent times another CYTED network linked to GBIF was selected as one of the four selected among 90 ongoing "redes" at that time to showcase CYTED to the "Consejo Directivo de CYTED" (see: http://www.recibio.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/I3B_CYTED_Mex_25nov2014.pdf).

More recent projects have been carried out along those lines, but without CYTED, for instance CoopBioPlat (<https://www.gbif.es/en/proyecto/coopbioplat/>) a EC EU_CELAC project (<https://www.eucelac-platform.eu/>)

Or many among GBIF's:

<https://www.gbif.org/programme/82219/capacity-enhancement-support-programme#projects>

In this path I formally became the "GBIF Node Manager" for CYTED, which in practice is being the contact point between the two organizations: channeling information of interests in both ways, identifying opportunities (and trying to organize activities around them), and attending formal matters. In this regard, you, as General Secretary, are the "Head of Delegation" for CYTED in GBIF, its maximum representative, the one with the capacity to participate in GBIF Governing Board, and to appoint (or remove) CYTE's Node Manager. All in all, CYTED-GBIF

workload is very lightweight whereas there is no CYTED network directly connected to GBIF activities (something that I always want to change, but biodiversity data management and use has not been a CYTED priority lately).

And regarding formal matters, I am adding below this message a message from GBIF Secretariat requesting confirmation or update of institutional contact details. This has been done routinely by me in coordination with CYTED Secretariat (in CC). In this occasion I will wait for your decision on how to proceed.

Just to round up this introduction to GBIF and its connections with CYTED, I would like to mention that -- in my role as GBIF Node Manager for Spain-- we maintain excellent relation with the Portuguese GBIF Node, hosted by Universidade de Lisboa (www.gbif.pt/, www.gbif.org/country/PT/), We have a story of collaborations, are currently working together in one project, and are jointly submitting (along with colleagues from Computer Sciences) a proposal to the EC INFRAEOSC-07 call. I can say that the Portuguese GBIF Node Manager --Dr. Rui Figueira-- and I are good friends.

I apologize for this longish message, not my style, but I believe needed in this occasion.

I remain at your disposal in all matters pertaining GBIF and CYTED, and look forward to meeting you in person (or virtually most probably in these times) in a not too distant future.

With all best wishes,

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Subject: Update of GBIF participants information - Ciencia y Tecnología para el Desarrollo

Dear Alberto Majó Piñeyrúa,

In the GBIF contacts database you are registered as Head of Delegation of Ciencia y Tecnología para el Desarrollo which is an Other Associate Participant in GBIF.

In order to keep our database up-to-date we would like you to verify the following information:

- 1) You are still the Head of Delegation for Ciencia y Tecnología para el Desarrollo?
- 2) Your contact information is:

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- 3) These are the additional members of your delegation we have listed in our database:

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- 4) This is the Node manager of Ciencia y Tecnología para el Desarrollo that we have listed in our database:

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Please let us know if the above information is correct, or if there are any changes. We would be grateful if you could get back to us by no later than 26 June 2020.

Please note that the information is available from the GBIF website, <https://www.gbif.org/contact-us/directory>

Kind regards,
Marlene