

Dimensions of Biodiversity



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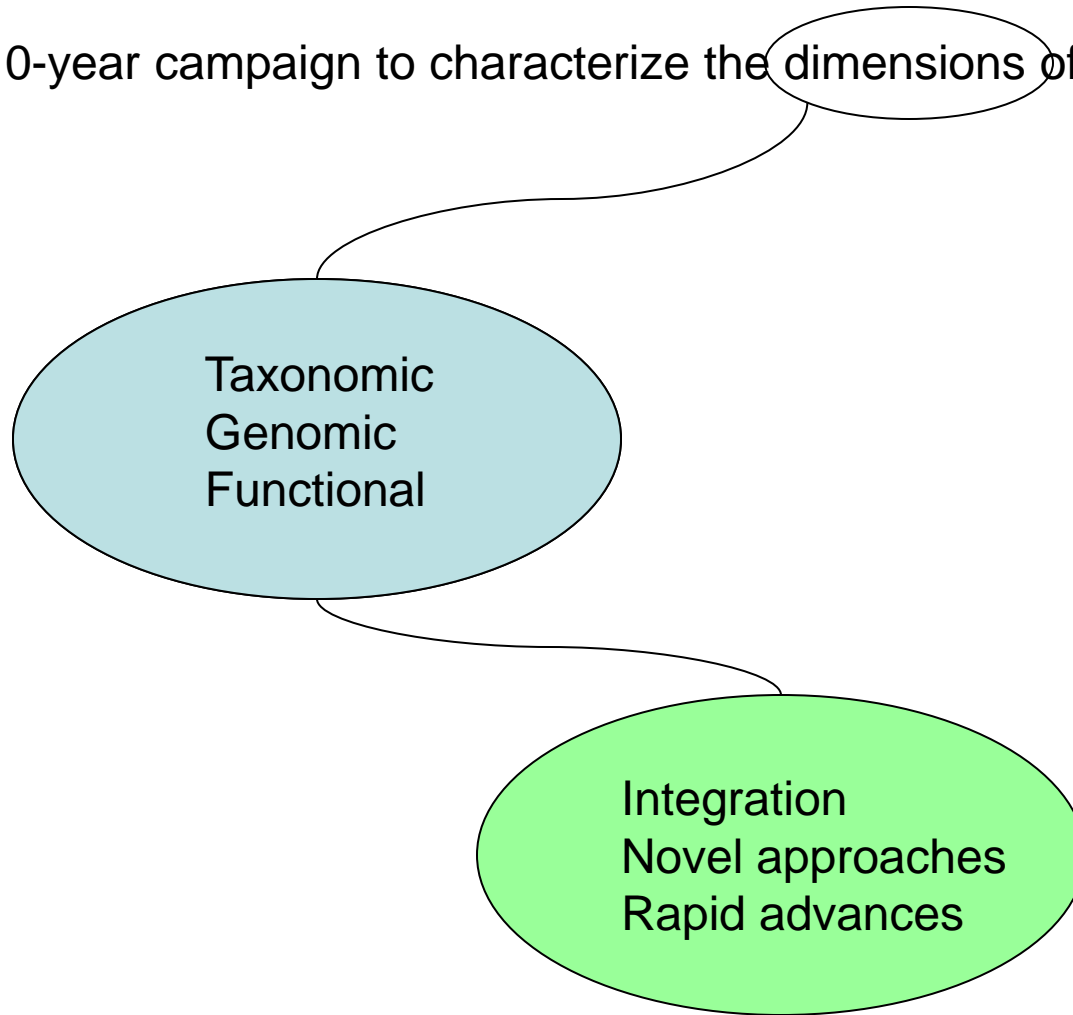
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Taxonomic
Genomic
Functional



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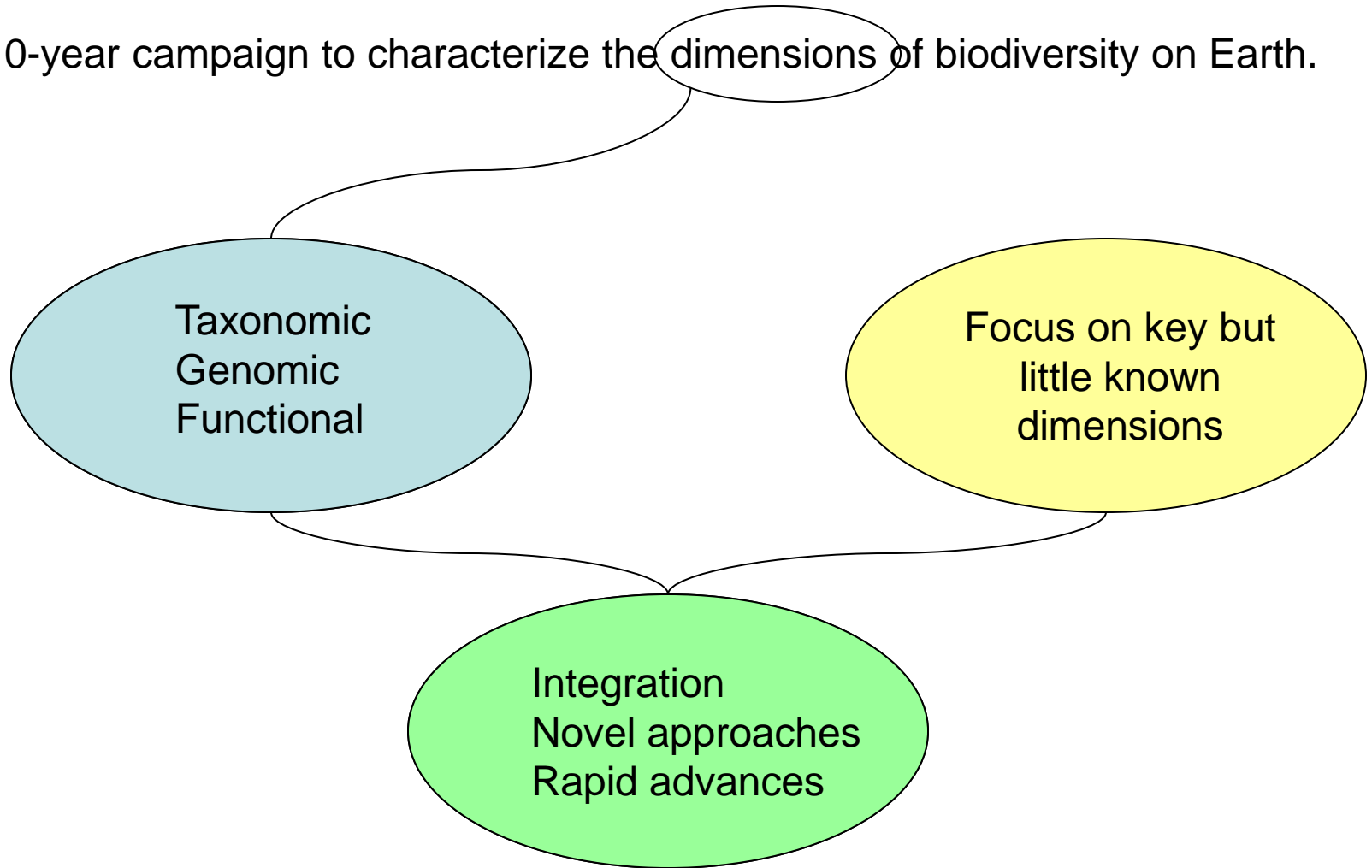
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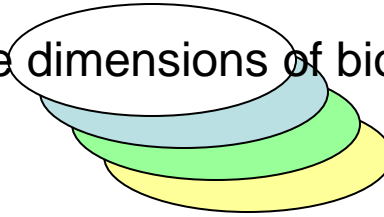
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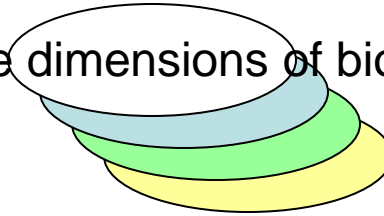
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Streams of activity:

NSF investments and ideas

Getting advice

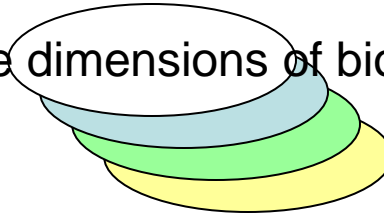
Interagency coordination

International partnerships



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NSF investments:

ARRA \$9M to nucleate the activity (proposals already in house)
+ ~\$11M digitization

FY10 – est. \$12-20M for special competition

Interdirectorate working group drafting announcement, management, and assessment plan: Dr. **Scott Snyder** (BIO/DEB) chair.

Ideas (not all in 2010!):

Fundamental research

Full projects, incubations, supplements, PIREs, facilitation of permitting and other access

Synthesis hubs and nodes

RCNs, working groups at synthesis centers, new informatics hub

Coordination of observatory networks

Environmental observatory networks

Collections to look across time and space (worldwide observatory network that lacks the 'net')

Infrastructure

Intellectual – education/training; cross-trained postdocs?

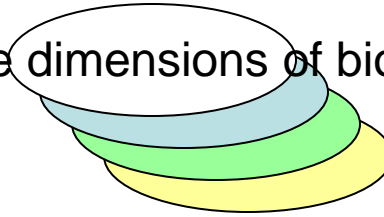
Cyber – databases, interoperability & archiving, standards, access

Physical – expanded and new capacity for sample care and curation; digitizing collections, sorting & digitizing backlogs (student training?)



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Getting advice:

Learning from NGOs

Workshop prospectus in hand; develop compendium of enabling support for biodiversity research; identify significant gaps; avoid duplication; increase leveraging

Baseline Dimensions

Workshop concept: experts develop baseline report, post on Wiki, crowd sourcing to refine and update; freeze/archive periodically; use to identify future targets

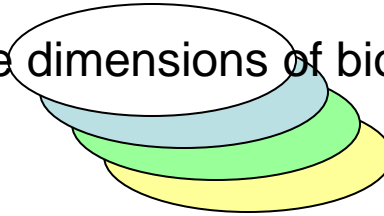
Advisory Committees and Review Panels

Mining existing reports



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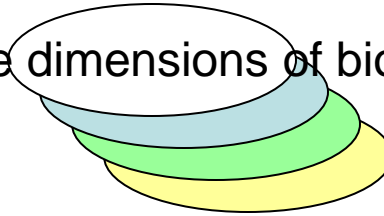
Meeting being hosted by Dr. Collins:

NOAA, NASA, State, OSTP, DOE, USGS, SI, USDA Forest Service



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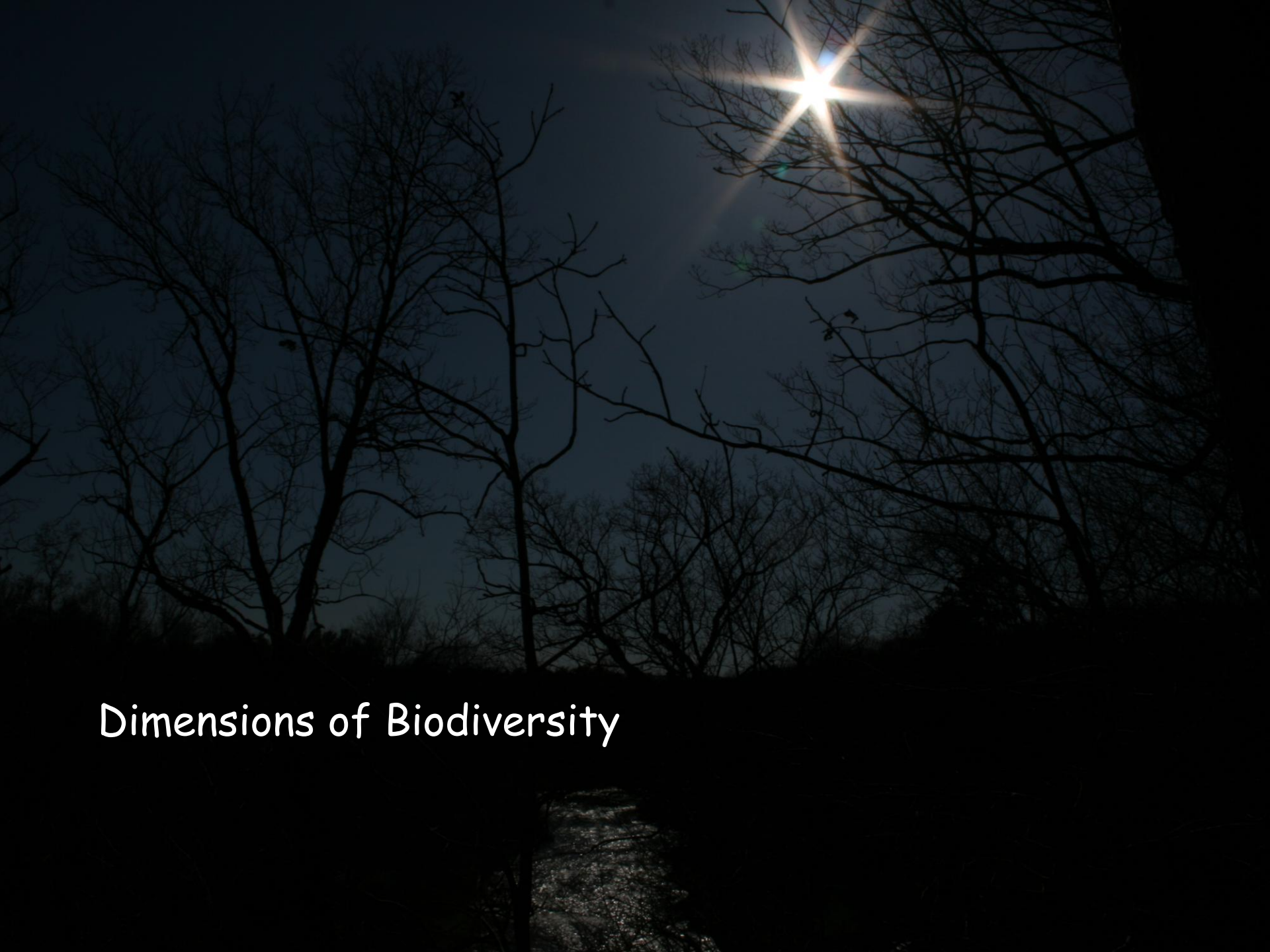
China – CAS & NSFC; videocon in July; Joint Commission mtg Oct. 15.

Australia – Aus. Natural Resources Study; videocon in August

Great Britain – NERC; videocon scheduled for next week

Diversitas – international coordination organization; meeting in South Africa in October

Ideas include joint funding of Research Coordination Networks; facilitation of access for investigators; targeted workshops; exchanges of junior and mid-career researchers



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