



## Workshop “Advancing BioBlitzes to bring People and Biodiversity together”

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 (11:00 - 17:30)

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### 10:30 Registration

### 11:00 Welcome and Introduction

*Andrea Sforzi, ECSA Board of Directors*

*Gaia Agnello, ECSA Project Officer in Doing It Together Science (DITOs)*

### Session 1. Approaches to BioBlitzes.

*Moderator: Gaia Agnello, ECSA*

### 11:15 Lightning Talks

*A series of 7 minute presentations will be followed by a brief 10 minute Q&A session.*

Case study - Organising a BioBlitz: balance between public engagement, science education and scientific outputs. **Matt Postles**, *Bristol Natural History Consortium, UK*


Case study - Citizen Science tools and educational technologies that support participants in BioBlitzes - the example of [www.iSpotnature.org](http://www.iSpotnature.org). **Janice Ansine**, *The Open University, UK*

Case study - BioBlitz engaging different target audiences. **Patrícia Tiago**, *Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes, Portugal*

Case study - BioBlitz in marine and coastal habitats. **Jack Sewell**, *Marine Biological Association, UK*

Case study - BioBlitz organisation in Tuscany: lessons learnt and future perspectives. **Andrea Sforzi**, *Maremma Natural History Museum, Italy*



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**12:00 Coffee break**

**12:15 Breakout Groups**

Group 1 - Reflections on The 10 Principles of Citizen Science: to what extent BioBlitzes can be considered Citizen Science and how we can implement the Principles within BioBlitzes? **Lucy Robinson**, *Natural History Museum London, UK*

Group 2 - What are the characteristics / standards for a biological surveying event being considered a BioBlitz? How to ensure a balance between public engagement, science education and collection of good quality data? **Matt Postles**, *Bristol Natural History Consortium, UK*

Group 3 - Mapping data collection tools and repositories for BioBlitzes in Europe. **Sven Schade**, *European Commission – Joint Research Centre, Italy*

**13:30 – 14:30 Lunch break**

**14:30 Presentation of results from breakout groups and discussion**

## **Session 2. How to mobilise data for science and policymaking.**

*Moderator: Sven Schade, European Commission – Joint Research Centre*

**14:45 Lightning talks**

*A series of 7 minute presentations will be followed by a brief Q&A session.*

Case study - Verifying and sharing data post-BioBlitz - current practice vs best/ideal practice? **Lucy Robinson**, *Natural History Museum London, UK*


Case study - Potential of BioBlitz for long-term monitoring scheme: repeat surveys of the same sites to monitor change over time. **Jaume Piera**, *Institut de Ciències del Mar ICM-CSIC, Spain*

Case study - Making BioBlitz data accessible through GBIF. **Dacha Atienza Ariznavarreta**, *Natural History Museum of Barcelona, Spain*

Case study - Data quality assurance during a BioBlitz. **Eugenio Gervasini**, *JRC – EASIN, Italy*

**15:30 Coffee break**



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## 15:45 Breakout Groups

Group 1 - What are the existing standards for data quality assurance and how can these be adopted? Should we develop new ones? **Eugenio Gervasini**, JRC – EASIN, Italy

Groups 2 - Reflecting on standards and opportunities for BioBlitz becoming more structured biodiversity monitoring schemes. In which ways a BioBlitz is not comparable to long-term scientific studies? What are the limitations? And what are the opportunities? What is the scientific output we can aspire to? **Jaume Piera**, Institut de Ciències del Mar ICM-CSIC, Spain

Group 3 - Brainstorming future capacity building activities. **Dacha Atienza Ariznavarreta**, Natural History Museum of Barcelona & **Gaia Agnello**, ECSA


## 17:00 Presentation of results from breakout groups and discussion

## 17:15 Identification of next steps and closing remarks

## 17:30 End of workshop

## 19:30 Dinner (location to be announced)



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