

## Minutes January 15, 2020 Meeting: AIC IWG: RTI Topic Group

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- ☛ All participants to the meeting were asked to fill in the contributor document, all have done this, many thanks!
- ☛ Attention was placed on the [Community Rules, Etiquette and Privacy Guidelines](#) of the AIC and followed by the IWG.
- ☛ Contact team leads: [Emily Frank](#), [Hendrik Hameeuw](#), [Bruno Vandermeulen](#)

### 1. Introductions

The team leads (Bruno Vandermeulen, Emily Frank, Hendrik Hameeuw), wiki editors (Carrie Roberts, Christopher Ciccone, Jessica Walthew), and interested contributors introduced themselves in short. All are very welcome!

A first elephant in the room was immediately addressed: What about the durability of the RTI technology on current and future operating systems; i.e. the problem of technological obsolescence. The importance of this issue is acknowledged and it is decided to add this to the topic list.

### 2. Current working plan and methodology

The team leads and wiki editors held a short pre-meeting to work out the agenda for this meeting and to discuss the start-up of this topic group.

It was stressed the suggested **working plan** must be approached as a **flexible** tool and thus subject to change when team leads, wiki editors and/or any contributors see and define the need for that.

An approach of periodical (monthly) **meetings** is proposed (the next being: Feb 10 and March 10, each time 1PM-2PM EST). Further meetings will be scheduled during the February 10 meeting and at that occasion the time and format of these meetings will be discussed by the entire topic group.

To have a shared **working environment**, a Google drive has been set up. The general structure of the workspace includes a folder for 'meeting agendas' (+ minutes), a folder with relevant publications (in which pdfs can be uploaded), a document with an overview of the wiki outline, a bibliography, a list of the contributors, and a number of separate topic documents. All these documents and folders are **open to editing** to all involved in this topic group. The document 'Master RTI Wiki Text' can only be edited by the team leads and wiki editors, but can be commented on by all.

The proposed **workflow** to start with is as follows:

- Content building and discussions take place in the various topic documents on the Google Drive. Try always to provide additions with the necessary comments and clarification.
- Based on the status and progress (maturity) in the topic documents, (sub-)sections of these topics will be drafted in the 'Master RTI Wiki Text' document by the team leads. This will be the document where 'final' texts are edited before uploaded in the wiki space. All comments are welcome! Concerning the 'final' in the previous sentence, there is no such thing in the wiki-concept, duly noted!!

### 3. Goals for the next meeting

- a. It is kindly asked that everybody has a thorough look at the RTI Wiki headings outline topic list; although this will continue to evolve throughout the activities of the RTI topic group (and probably beyond), it is best we establish a good and already thought out starting point. The entire tree can already be entered in the wiki space, as such all can see in what direction this topic group is evolving.
- b. A first topic suggested to push towards a wiki publication is What is RTI?; we should try to establish a broad definition and insight in what the technology of RTI is, and what is the position of this technology in the context of conservation studies.
- c. We suggest, in line with goal a., to brainstorm on and establish what the boundaries for the entire RTI topic should be? What should the RTI topic group not do? This can be an open discussion.

### 4. Compiling information in the topic documents

- A central concept is: "not rewriting what is already available"; at the same time, referring or reusing what is available, we need to make sure that is done as correctly as possible!
- The audience for the wiki space is strictly speaking: everyone with an interest. At the same time, when building the wiki page, we best include relevant parts in each section for more defined audiences as well. Basically, each sub-section needs to include more general insights, but should equally try to explore specific aspects in depth.
- All who contribute to the wiki space must be recognized for this, how that can be done, has yet to be worked out.
- Citations and permissions: for obvious reasons, that should be consistent throughout all wiki pages. The team leads and wiki editors should assure this. The AIC IWG leadership will propose a general approach to be followed by all topic groups. As soon as that is known, it should be seen how that can be implemented by this topic group.

Main point of entry for the AIC IWG: [Category:Imaging - Wiki \(conservation-wiki.com\)](https://www.conservations-wiki.com/Category:Imaging)