**PARTNERING UP: VIVO and Science of Team Science (SciTS) to hold Co-located Conferences in 2014**

**Austin, TX (November 20, 2013).**The conference committees for the VIVO Project and Science of Team Science (SciTS) have agreed to jointly hold their annual conferences for the first time.  **Duraspace,**a not-for-profit organization providing leadership and innovation for open technologies that promote permanent access to digital data, is providing hosting support for the conferences to promote synergies between the VIVO and SciTS communities. The conferences will take place in Austin, TX, August 6-8, 2014.  This collaboration provides attendees with a unique opportunity to expand and integrate their knowledge of the latest advances across these two complimentary areas of innovation in scientific research.

While VIVO and SciTS will offer two primarily distinct conference programs, attendees will only pay one price to have access to all that both conferences offer.  Attendees may attend sessions from both conferences, as well as view twice as many posters and meet with more industry vendors than at either individual conference.  The conferences will feature joint networking receptions, dining options, breaks, and select sessions for all conference participants to attend.  The expanded networking opportunities will be invaluable as attendees will have an exclusive opportunity to learn from each other.

**VIVO** is an open source semantic web application originally developed and implemented at Cornell. When installed and populated with researcher interests, activities, and accomplishments, it enables the discovery of research and scholarship across disciplines at that institution and beyond.

**The Annual International Science of Team Science (SciTS) Conference is a forum to enhance the understanding of how best to support and engage in Team Science to meet society’s needs.** Focusing on the praxis of team science (the practical aspects of science performed in teams) and the science of team science (empirical research on scientific teams), **Team Science** serves as a conduit to help translate empirical research findings about team science into evidence-based effective practices for scientific teams and administrators and funders of team science.

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