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 to biodiversity data

*Le peu que j'ai appris jusques ici n'est
 presque rien à comparaison de ce que
 j'ignore et que je ne désespère pas de
 pouvoir apprendre*

René Descartes, 1596-1650

*I hear and I forget. I see and I
 remember. I do and I understand.*

Confucius, 550-479 BC

The GBIF Training Portfolio: Catalysing participation

Effective and sufficient training for Participants is a key element for the successful implementation of GBIF, as clearly stated in the Strategic Plan 2007-2011. The new training strategy for GBIF is based on the following principles:

Support regional and national training across the GBIF Participant Network

Ensuring widespread regional and national courses, organised by Participant Nodes, and facilitated with all the support and expertise of GBIF's decentralised Participant network and the GBIF Secretariat.

Train the Trainers

Promote and provide the means for knowledge transfer across the GBIF network. Participants in GBIF training events must take upon themselves the responsibility to continue further dissemination of training in their own environments and benefitting their communities.

Using technology to its fullest through e-learning

New technologies allow GBIF to multiply the number of people benefitting from training resources across the network. GBIF's Work Plan for 2009-2010 includes two key elements that will enhance the impact of training in biodiversity informatics:

- An **online resource centre for training**, where Participants will have access to all the information about training across the network: calendars, opportunities, procedures, etc.
- A **virtual classroom** where anyone interested can be trained in GBIF topics: data publishing & use, standards and protocols, Node management, Ecological Niche Modelling, etc.

Adapting to different audiences

Increasing the number of languages in which the training materials and events are available, and promoting the delivery of customised training adapted to different environments.

Benefit from the strength of team work

Promoting the development of expert- and language-networks, the free exchange of training materials, and a fast and easy launch and use of training facilities by GBIF Participants.



Third GBIF Georeferencing biodiversity databases workshop, Madrid, 2008.



Fourth GBIF Ecological Niche Modelling workshop, Warsaw, 2007.

Our vision:

**By the end of 2010,
 Training is a formalised
 component of core GBIF
 Participant activities and
 is perceived as one of
 the key tangible benefits
 of participating in GBIF.**



Google Earth™ view for GBIF training events (in development)

