



# TORCH V Meeting and Digitization Workshop

**8-10 April 2011**

TTU Llano River Field Station, Junction, TX

## **Friday, 8 April TORCH Curators' Meeting; Models of Functioning Consortia**

- 2:00 Welcome and opening remarks. Wayne Elisens, OKL
- 2:15 Meeting program, agenda, objectives. Amanda Neill, BRIT-SMU-VDB
- 2:30 TORCH curators' and business meeting
  - Introductions; update for contact and herbarium information; communication; reporting; website update
  - TORCH vision and refinement of governance model
- 3:30 Coffee break
- 3:45 TORCH curators' and business meeting (cont.)
  - Steering Committee election; priorities for educational activities and outreach
  - Discussion of digitization priorities and ADBC proposal objectives and structure
  - Summary and TORCH VI venue selection
- 5:00 Free time
- 6:00 Dinner: BBQ in pavilion  
**After-dinner talks: *Models of herbarium consortia with digitization activities***
- 7:30 "Consortium of Pacific NW Herbaria." **Ben Legler**, University of Washington
- 8:00 "The Southwest Environmental Information Network, SEINet."  
**Ed Gilbert**, Arizona State University.
- 8:30 Group discussion. Retire to pavilion to continue discussions and networking

## **Saturday, 9 April Digitization Workshop; Initiatives and Resources**

- 7:30 Breakfast in dining hall
- 9:00 Workshop agenda and objectives. Amanda Neill & Wayne Elisens
- 9:15 "Half of the elephant: Challenges in Biodiversity Informatics."  
**Zack Murrell**, Appalachian State University
- 10:15 "The other half of the elephant: Tools and resources to meet the challenge."  
**Amanda Neill**, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth.
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:00 "Imaging practices and priorities in the BRIT Herbarium."  
**Tiana Franklin**, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth
- 12:00 Lunch in dining hall
- 1:00 "Apiary digitization workflows and Atrium Biodiversity Information Systems."  
**Jason Best**, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth.
- 2:00 "The New Mexico Biodiversity Collections Consortium, NMBCC."  
**Tim Lowrey**, University of New Mexico.
- 2:30 Coffee break

- 2:45 “Specimen digitization at the University of Arizona herbarium”  
**Shelley McMahon**, University of Arizona
- 3:15 “The Specify Software Project and data output interface options.”  
**Andy Bentley**, University of Kansas
- 4:30 Plenary discussion of resources, protocols, and implementation of digitization workplans
- 5:00 Free time
- 6:00 Dinner in dining hall
- 7:30 Discussion of the current state of digitization efforts in the TORCH community; informal demos by participants

## **Sunday, 10 April    Digitization Workshop; Best Practices Session**

- 7:30 Breakfast in dining hall
- 9:00 Establishment and recording of best practices, standards, and workflow recommendations for use by TORCH community herbaria
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:45 Morning session continued; roadmap, next steps, and conclusion
- 12:00 Lunch in dining hall and depart