

**ITIS North America  
Planning Workshop**

**Smithsonian Institution  
Washington D.C.  
16-17 January 2003**

*Proposed Agenda*

Thursday, January 16

- 9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 Setting the Stage  
ITIS NA and related Initiatives  
Species 2000  
GBIF  
Catalogue of Life
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 ITIS NA Partner Activity updates  
United States  
Canada  
Mexico  
Hawaii/Pacific(?)  
NABIN
- 11:30 A Shared Vision for ITIS North America
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 ITIS NA Planning  
ITIS Users and their key needs/issues (data, functionality, training, standards)
  - ❑ Identify bottlenecks and obstacles in current processes
  - ❑ Explore/develop methods for large uploads of Mexican, Canadian and other data
  - ❑ Accelerate review of legacy data
  - ❑ Accelerate addition of missing taxa, common names
  - ❑ Validate country occurrences of species
  - ❑ Utilize different classification systems
  - ❑ Develop strategy and plan for regular updating of checklists
- 3:00 Break

- 3:15 Engage critical communities (identification of experts, partners, cooperators); marketing needs
- Get more visibility for a continental effort
  - Achieve more active participation by taxonomic community
  - Define and establish taxonomic expert groups, with country representation
- 4:15 Working together
- Achieve better coordination among countries and organizations
  - Make better linkages between sites
- 5:15 Adjourn

Friday, January 17

- 9:00 am ITIS NA Planning (continued)
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 ITIS NA Action Plan development
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 pm ITIS NA Action Plan Priorities  
Wrap-up
- 2:00 Adjourn