IVO is in its thirteenth year as an open-source, member-supported platform for representing scholarship. This Annual Report highlights accomplishments in the fiscal year from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

There's lots of good news about VIVO. Despite the pandemic, the community made outstanding contributions to VIVO, including a major new release, new ontologies, new members, and four well-attended events.

In countries all over the world, interest, energy and enthusiasm for VIVO grew substantially during this time, presenting opportunities for VIVO leadership and the community.
Global Events

Four virtual events in 2021 demonstrated strong interest in VIVO around the world:

- The three-day VIVO Conference, June 23 to 25 was our eleventh conference and second largest, with 242 attendees, and registrants from 32 countries.
- The first North American User Group Meeting on January 19 provided updates on recent work from VIVO sites and projects from 63 attendees.
- The two-day TIB (German) VIVO Workshop was held March 23 & 24, 2021, highlighting advances among German VIVO systems from 116 registrants.
- The hugely successful Spanish-speaking User Group Meeting received over 600 registrants, and was the first VIVO event held in Spanish.
- The VIVO in a Box Town Hall on July 26 introduced the community to our discussions about creating a simplified version of VIVO, and more than 30 prospective users joined.

VIVO Highlights

- Hiring a new Technical Lead, Dragan Ivanovic, to coordinate the community of VIVO developers.
- Welcoming two new members, Florida International University, and the University of California, Davis.
- Receiving a LYRASIS Catalyst Award for $30,000 to develop open-source research intelligence tools that work with VIVO.
- Strategizing the VIVO Road Map for the next few years, including VIVO in a Box, a simplified version of VIVO.
- Electing Leadership Group Officers to help streamline the work of governance.

In 2021, VIVO’s key accomplishments included:

- The pandemic was a challenge for VIVO in 2021, but we’ve seen new community initiatives, a major new release of VIVO, new members, and new energy in the Leadership Group.”
  - Bruce Herbert, VIVO Leadership Group Chair, 2020 - 2021

Over 600 people registered for the first Spanish-speaking User Group.
An International VIVO, Version 1.12

VIVO released v. 1.12, an internationalized version with five language options, in June 2021.

- VIVO is now fully language-aware, so content that is entered or loaded in any supported language is displayed to users accordingly. For example, a book title in French is displayed to French users.
- Elements of the user interface are also translated, including text on menus, headings, links, and messages.
- English (U.S. and Canadian), Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, French (Canadian) and German are fully supported, and other languages, which may be available in the community, can be added.
- This version was created by more volunteer collaborators than any other version of VIVO, demonstrating a global demand for VIVO.

![VIVO v. 1.12 supports VIVO users in Spanish, Portuguese, French, and German.](image)

The Path Forward

The VIVO Leadership Group has endorsed a Road Map, presented by Chair Bruce Herbert at the 2021 VIVO conference. There’s lots going on, and we’re looking forward to the years ahead.

**Usability:** New initiatives are underway to make VIVO easier to implement and use. VIVO Scholar simplifies customization and data sharing with a front-end and middleware. VIVO in a Box is a proposed streamlined version of VIVO with minimal customizations.

**Internationalization:** VIVO version 1.12 was released in June 2021, and community work continues to improve the multi-language features, fix issues, and add languages.

**Interoperability:** We’re working with EuroCris to align the VIVO ontologies with CERIF, and we’re looking at ways for VIVO to work more closely with DSpace, Fedora, and ORCiD.
VIVO Road Map

VIVO Leaders have prioritized these initiatives as critical for VIVO in the next few years.

Usability and Utility

• VIVO Scholar (new UI) released 2020
• VIVO-In-A-Box (simple version)

Internationalization

• VIVO 1.12.0 released!

Interoperability

• Collaboration with EuroCris to align ontologies
• Enhance interoperability with DSpace, Fedora, and ORCID

VIVO Members

Platinum Members

- Duke University
- Texas A&M University
- Weill Cornell Medicine

Gold Members

- Columbia University Libraries
- SIGMA
- Stanford University

Silver Members

- Brown University
- CINECA
- The University of New Mexico

Bronze Members

- Florida International University
- George Washington University
- Technical University of Denmark
- Technische Informationsbibliothek (TIB)
- University of California Davis
- University of Idaho
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- Saxon State and University Library Dresden (SLUB)

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- McMaster University