

GBIF Workshop: Technical review of SDD schema 0.9/0.91 – Final Circular – (replacing and updating 1st circular)

We urgently need a variety of reviews of the SDD 0.9 schema (released Dec. 2003) from interested people and implementers. The workshop in Berlin is intended to help in this process. To focus the criticism, all participants are requested to choose a specific topic and prepare a **short** written criticism (to be published one week ahead of the workshop on the SDD WIKI for all participants to review). The list of "Proposed Topics" presented in the **draft agenda** on the WIKI (see below) is only a guideline for such topics. Please propose the topics you think are most urgent!

Several of you are not registered on the SDD WIKI yet. To register on the WIKI please:

- Register on <http://efgblade.cs.umb.edu/twiki/bin/view/TWiki/TwikiRegistration>
- Add your name to <http://efgblade.cs.umb.edu/twiki/bin/view/SDD/WebNotify> to get update emails on new or changed topics on the SDD WIKI. (Conversely, to reduce the amount of such emails you can click on the "Minor changes, don't notify" checkbox at the bottom of the editing preview page when you make inconsequential or minor edits to a topic.)

The **draft agenda** is available at: <http://efgblade.cs.umb.edu/twiki/bin/view/SDD/SDD2004Berlin>
Please visit and annotate or add to it! Please add a new topic or register yourself for one of the topics already there!

Date: 17.-18. May 2004

Arrival Sunday, 16. May evening in Berlin

Those interested in having **Sunday dinner together** please meet at 19:00 in the reception of the Ravenna hotel. **Please email me if so that I can arrange to have enough cars for transportation!**

Workshop Monday, 17. May, 9:00-18:30

Workshop Tuesday, 18. May, 9:00-17:30

Departure Tuesday evening or Wednesday

Location of meeting

Berlin, Germany: Biologische Bundesanstalt, Königin-Luise-Str. 19, 14195 Berlin-Dahlem. – Tel. +49-30-83042220. When calling from a local phone in Berlin use "83042220" (= G. Hagedorn office, cannot be reached during meeting hours), "8315785" (G. Hagedorn home/evening), "83041" (BBA porter, limited English – but may connect you to an English speaker). When calling from a mobile phone from within Germany add "030" in front of those numbers. Instructions to reach the BBA can be found under "Arrival" further below.

Current list of participants

Bob Morris, Jacob Asiedu (Boston), Dave Thau (S. Francisco, USA)

Bryan Heidorn (Champaign, Illinois)

Donald Hobern (Copenhagen)

Jessie Kennedy, Trevor Paterson (Edinburgh)

Regine Vignes, Cyril Gallut, Antoine Chalubert (Paris)

Gregor Hagedorn, Walter Berendsohn, Markus Döring, Anton Güntsch (Berlin)

Confirmed so far: 13.

Possible additions (still open)

Marc Brugman, Rob Buis (Netherlands, ETI)

GBIF Funding

Limited funding for the SDD workshop is provided by the GBIF DADI program (thanks Donald!). For those who have could be promised funding, the rules in <http://www.gbif.org/Support/travel> explain what can be covered. The maximum costs are as follows:

1. Up to 3 nights in hotel, actual hotel cost not exceeding 70 EUR per night incl. tax.

2. Per diem maximum 399 DKK a day (= ca. 53 EUR).

3. Up to ca. 80 EUR for transportation between airports and venue/home.

Please use public transport from Berlin airport to Berlin-Rathaus Steglitz (see "Arrival" below); from there the distance is walking distance.

4. Lowest cost available flight (APEX or non-refundable economy class).

Please send your claims and receipts after the meeting directly to Donald Hobern to be reimbursed.

Arrival

To reach the hotel from Tegel airport (airport code on your ticket = "TXL"): Take either the express bus "X9" or the normal bus "109" to "Zoologischer Garten" (= zoological garden). Get a standard AB ticket (2 €) from the bus driver. At "Zoologischer Garten" enter the subway station marked "U9" (which is close to the bus stops) and take the line U9 to "Rathaus Steglitz" (= terminal station, marked on front of trains). On the map shown you arrive approximately where the red circle is in the bottom right of the map (using "U9"). Walk ca. 4 minutes on the yellow street (= Grunewaldstr.; leading to the left on the map). **Hotel Ravenna** (Grunewaldstr. 8-9. ravenna-hotel@t-online.de, tel. 030/79091-100, fax 030/7924412.) is on the right-hand side (approximately where "183" is printed). You could also take the Bux X83 or 183 for one stop. Note that both busses also continue to the location of the meeting (BBA); the correct stop would be "Arnimallee".



To reach the BBA (= location of meeting) from the hotel: Turn right when leaving the hotel and walk along Grunewaldstr. for ca. 10 min. You reach a large intersection with Englerallee to the right and Altensteinstr. to the left (= the corner of Botanical Garden and Museum). Walk straight on: the street has now become the Königin-Luise-Str.; number 19 is after 3 more minutes on the right side. Contact the porter in the left building, enter that building after receiving a permit and perhaps a chip. The building has roughly an L-shape and elevator is where the angle of the L is. We will meet in the third floor (press '3'). When leaving the elevator turn left around the corner and walk all towards the end of the hall.

To reach the BBA directly from Tegel airport: If you arrive early on Monday morning, some alternative connections are given below. Stop "Arnimallee" is directly in front of the BBA, stop "Königin-Luise-Platz/Botanischer Garten" is at the intersection Englerallee/ Grunewaldstr./ Altensteinstr. described above.

Departure 8:00: Bus 109 direction "S+U Zoologischer Garten DB" until 8:21 stop "Olivaer Platz", continue 8:26 Bus 101 direction "Zehlendorf, Sachtlebenstr." until 8:44 stop "Königin-Luise-Platz/Botanischer Garten".

Departure 8:06: Bus "X9" direction "S+U Zoologischer Garten DB" until 8:10 stop "U Jakob-Kaiser-Platz", continue in subway 8:14 line "U7" direction "U Rudow" until 8:26 stop "U Blissestr.", continue 8:32 with Bus 101 direction "Zehlendorf, Sachtlebenstr." until 8:44 stop "Königin-Luise-Platz/Botanischer Garten".

Departure 8:10: Bus "TXL" direction "S+U Alexanderplatz" until 8:24 stop "U Turmstr.", continue in subway 8:28 line "U9" direction "S+U Rathaus Steglitz" until 8:43 stop "S+U Rathaus Steglitz", continue 8:46 with Bus 183 direction "Königin-Luise-Str./Clayallee" until 8:50 stop "Arnimallee".

Information on Berlin can be found under: <http://www.berlin.de/home/.html/index.html>

Please contact me if your flight arrives at one of the other Berlin airports

(SFX = Schönefeld, or THF = Berlin Tempelhof!)

Gregor Hagedorn