

**Subject:** CBD online forum - edits to the proposed list of "volunteers"

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Dear all

A gentle reminder to send me any additions, suggestions or other edits to the list of possible volunteers to the online forum (see document attached). Stephanie has put me in touch with Anthony James, Ethan Bier, Robert Friedman, and Suresh Subramani from the University of California and with Zach Adelman at Texas A&M. I will have calls with them next week to brief them and I can report on our group call.

As a reminder, the recent communication from the CBD secretariat indicated that the online forum would take place over the summer, July to September, so we need to get people briefed and registered before then.

“To implement the various elements of the decision in a systematic manner, the Secretariat is establishing a continuous process comprising: (i) submission of information on synthetic biology (by June 16 2017); (ii) discussions through the open-ended online forum (tentatively to be held from July to September 2017); (iii) one face-to-face meeting of the AHTEG (tentatively to be held in December 2017); and (iv) peer-review of the outcomes of the AHTEG. The outcomes of this process will be submitted for peer review and subsequent consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its twenty-second meeting to be held 2 to 7 July 2018.”

Best,

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