

# BioSharing – mapping the metadata standards in the life sciences

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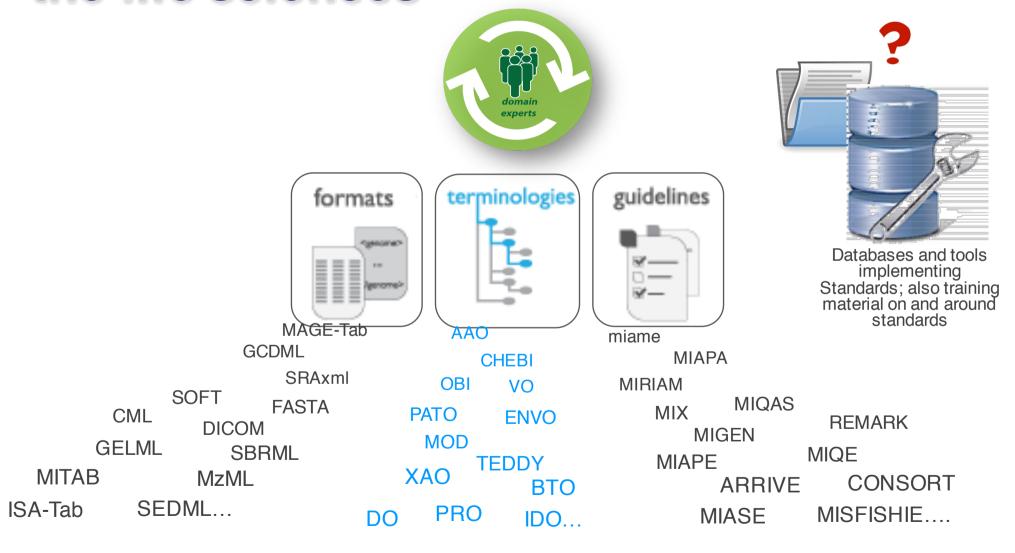




# **Outline**

- 1. The sea of standards in the life sciences
- 1. What is BioSharing?
- 2. Work in progress
- 3. BioSharing WG and potential collaborations

# There are more than 600 standards in the life sciences



# Mapping Standards and Databases in the Life Sciences

"Which standard should I use for this data, considering I'd like to publish in X journal?

"Are we using the most up-to-date version of this standard?"

"My data is in X format, which databases take that format?



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biotechnology COMMENTARY

Promoting coherent minimum reporting guidelines for biological and biomedical investigations: the MIBBI project

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(2009)

### 'Omics Data Sharing

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> **POLICIES STANDARDS DATABASES**





FORMATS



TERMINOLOGIES



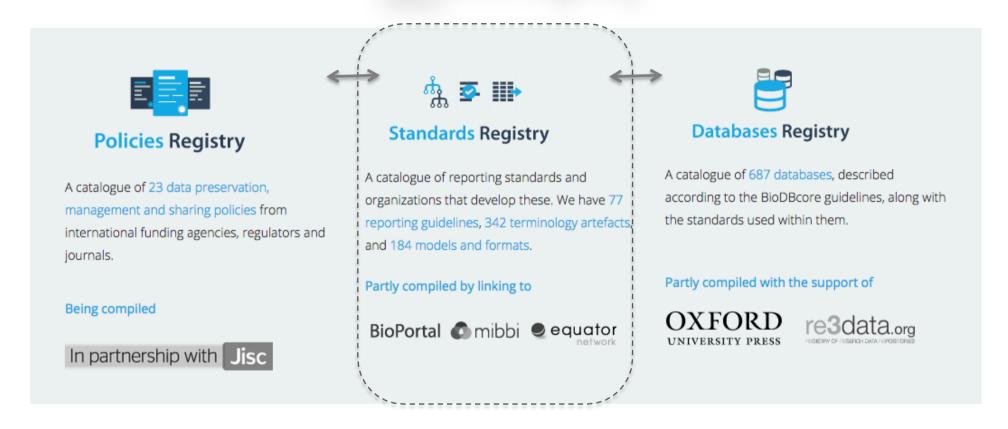


biosharing.org

(2011)

- registry development.
- content collection.
- community engagement,
- funds raising
- creation of a WG in RDA and Force11; Advisory Board
- links with **ELIXIR** and NIH BD2K **= = = >** (2015)





A web-based, curated and searchable registry ensuring that biological standards and databases are registered, informative and discoverable; also monitoring the development and evolution of standards, their use in databases and the adoption of both in data policies.

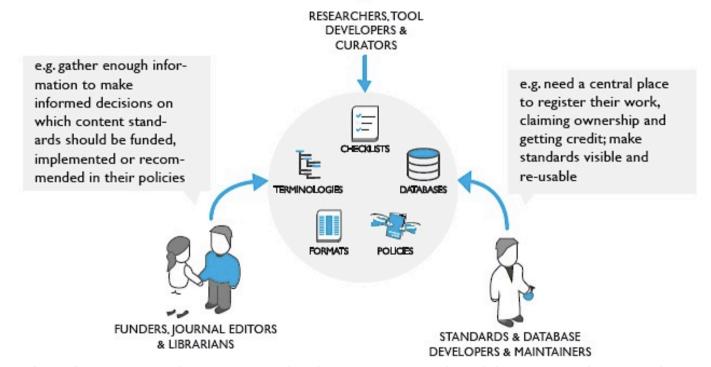
Our mission: To help people make the right choice

the right choice

e.g. seek guidance to find databases that implement standards to deposit their data; or identify appropriate data

standards to be implemented in

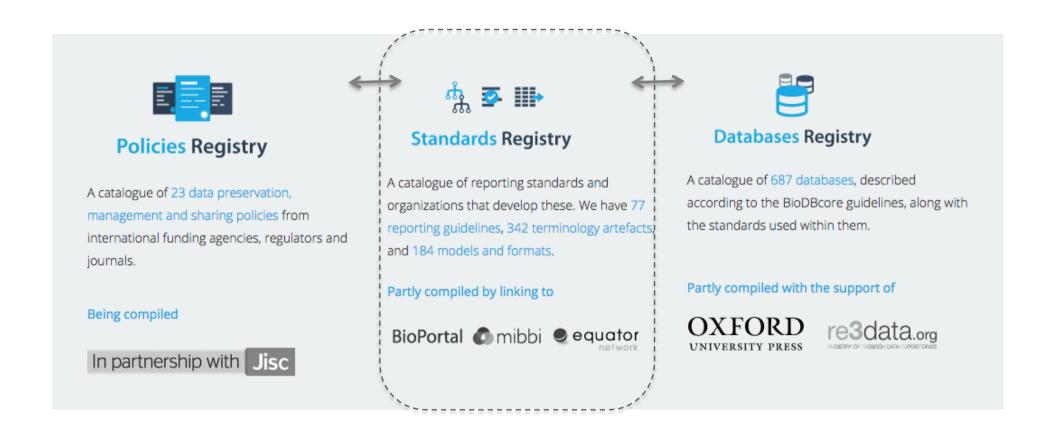
an annotation tool



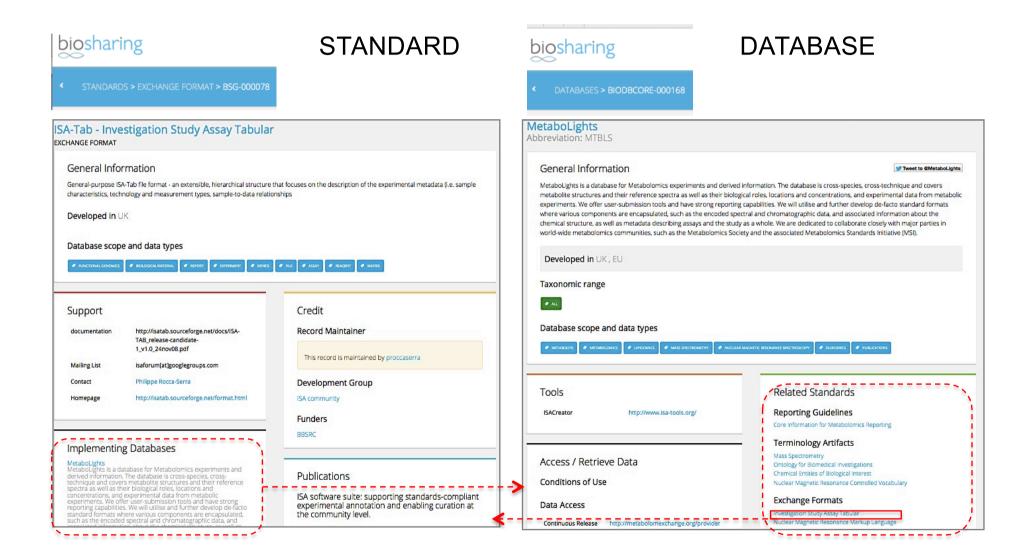
**Researchers**, **developers** and **curators** lack support and guidance on how to best navigate and select content standards, understand their maturity, or find databases that implement them;

*Funders*, *journals* and *librarians* do not have enough information to make informed decisions on which content standards or database to recommended in policies, or fund or implement

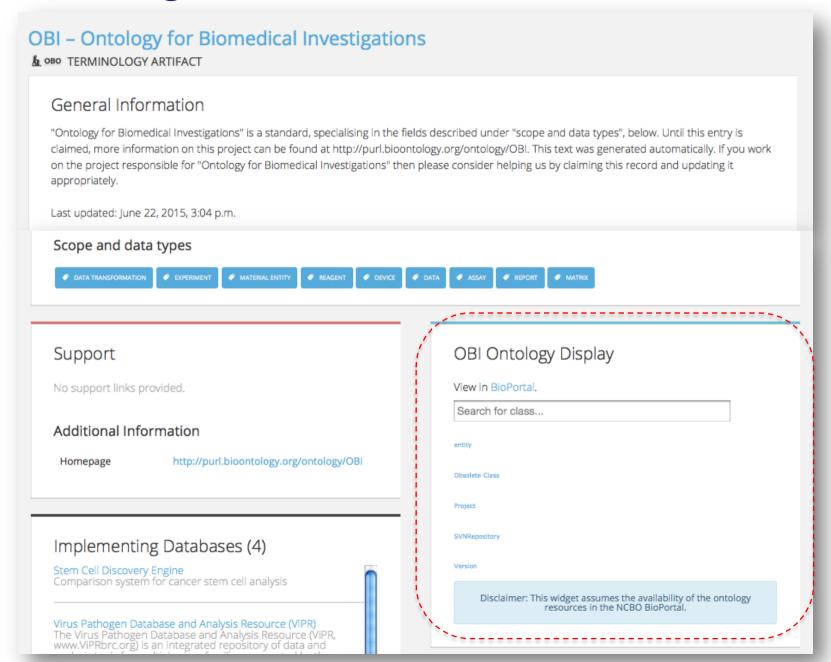
# Three interlinked registries



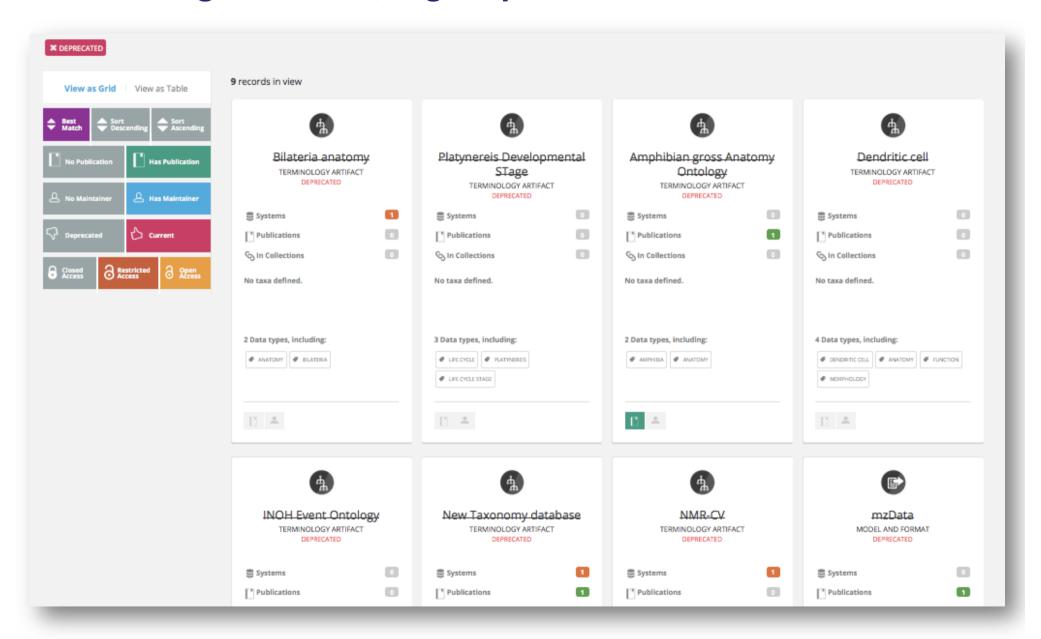
### Standards and databases cross-linked



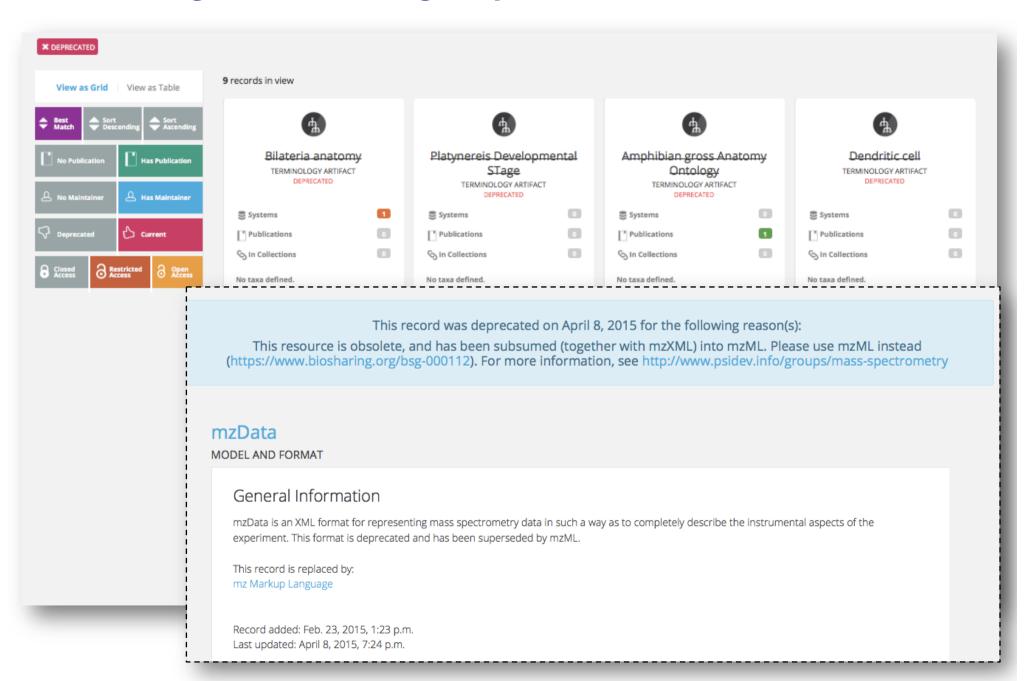
## Terminologies linked to NCBO BioPortal



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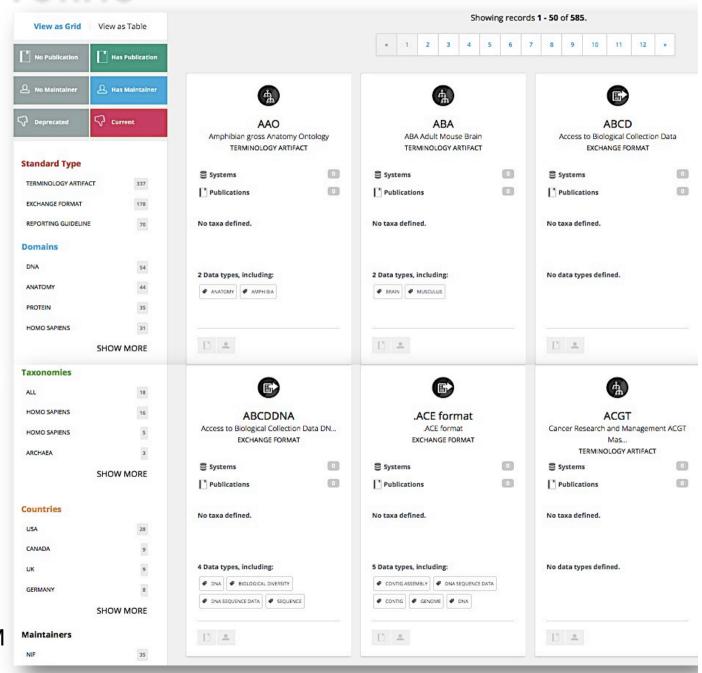
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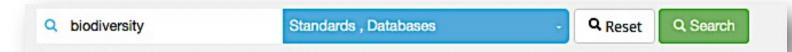
#### **Core functionalities:**

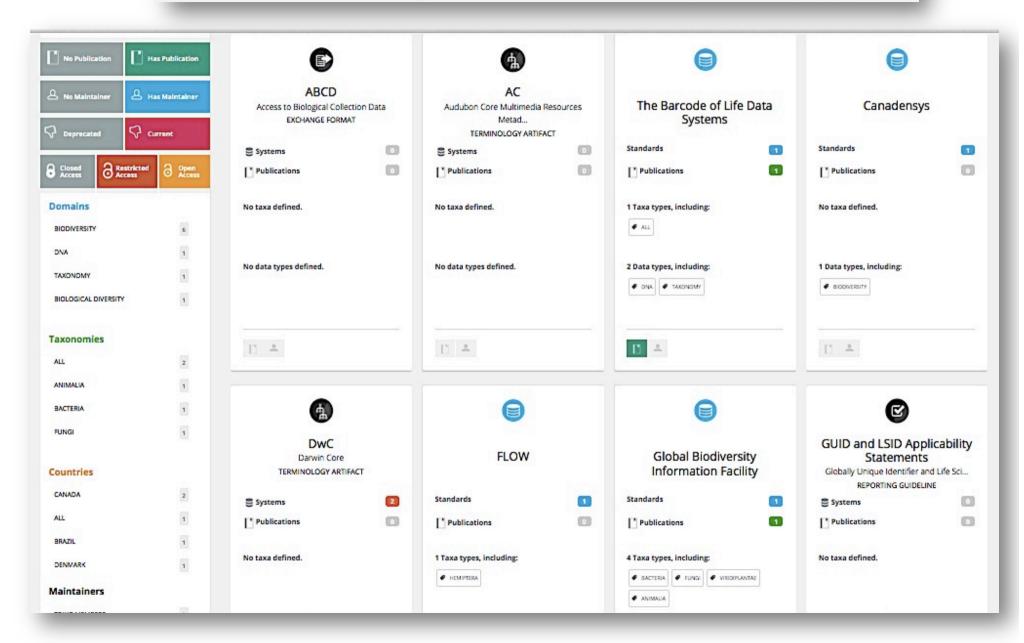
- search and filtering, e.g. by funder, domain, type of standard
- Refine by publication, maintainer etc.
- add new records, edit existing records
- · "claim" records
- person's profile (as maintainer of records) associated to the ORCID profile (for credit)
- visualization and views of content and linking

#### **Annotation Sources:**

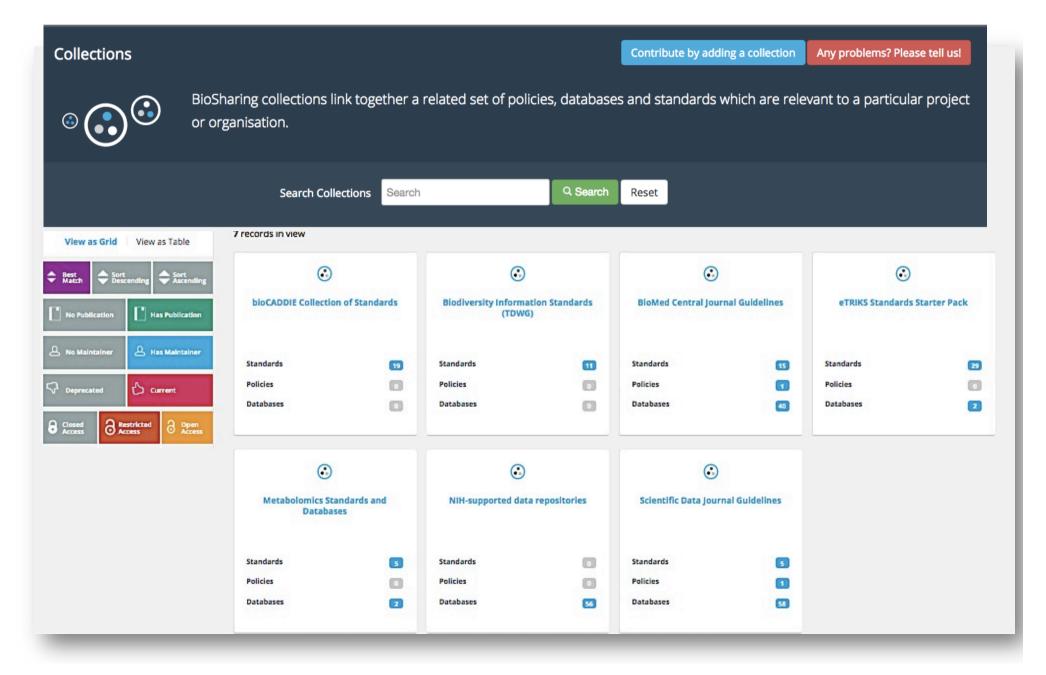
- 4 axis: (material, process, quality, information)
- NIF,OBI,CL,GO,IAO,EDAM







# Create your own Collection

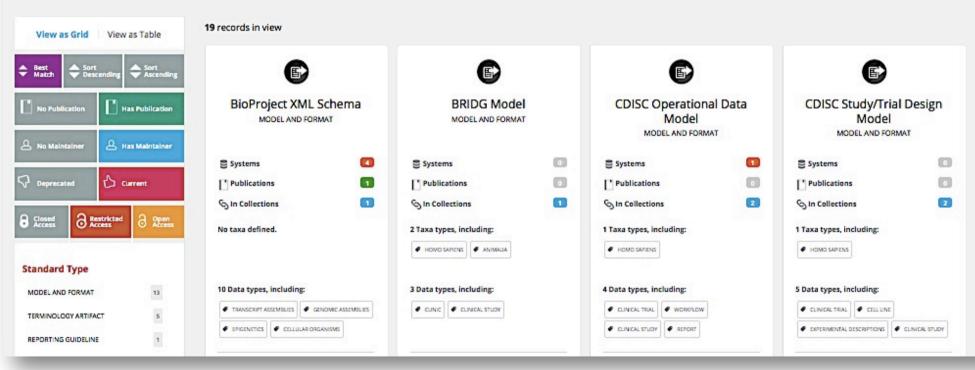


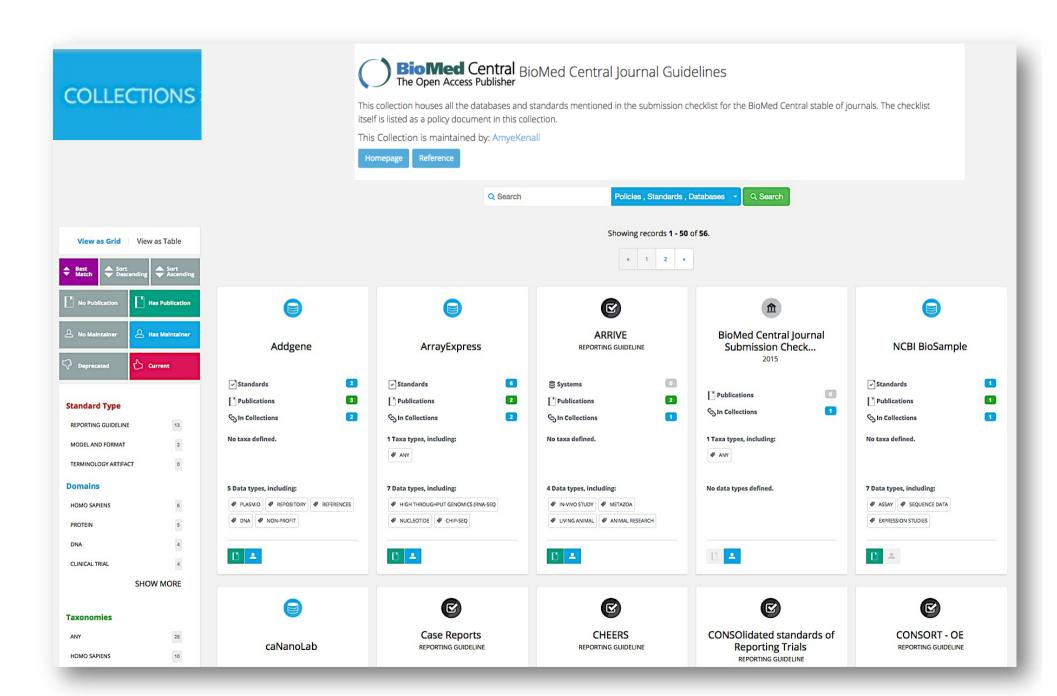




#### Search within this collection







# WIP – surveys, advisory board & WGs

- 1. Maximize categorization to improve searching, continue curation, add records, increase maintainers/vetting of records
- 2. Schema views: progressively visualize formats and reporting guidelines as tested for terminologies (via BioPortal)

SRA-XML - Short Read Archive eXtensible Markup Language EXCHANGE FORMAT



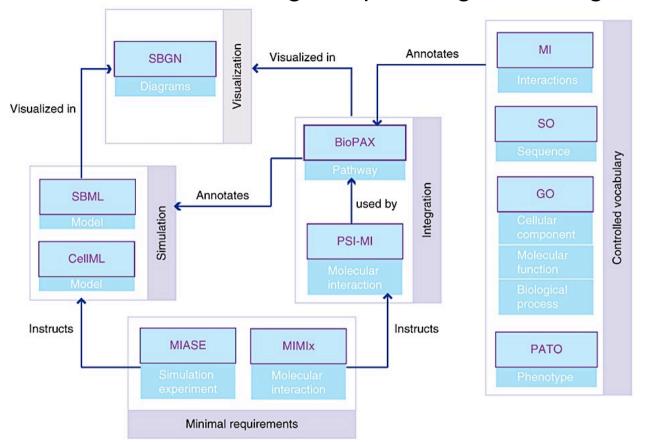
3. Export of metadata elements: as part of





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4. Create relation or "usage maps and guides", e.g.:



The relationship among popular standard formats for pathway information.

Demir, et al., The BioPAX community standard for pathway data sharing, Nat Biotech. 2010.

- **5**. Metrics of maturity, usability and popularity, kick-started by Tenenbaum, Sansone, Haendel. A sea of standards for omics data: sink or swim? *J Am Med Inform Assoc* (2014).
- 6. Embed in the ecosystem of complementary registries

# The BioSharing Registry: connecting data policies, standards & databases in life sciences



### Group details

Green = 0 - 6 months

WG is just starting

Status: Recognised & Endorsed

Chair(s): Susanna-Assunta Sansone, Rebecca Lawrence, & Simon Hodson

Secretariat Liaison: Herman Stehouwer
TAB Liaison: Peter Wittenberg and Simon Cox

Case Statement: Download

### The products are

- principles for linking information about databases, content standards and journal / funder policies in the life sciences
- and a curated *registry* to access and cross-search the information, on which a variety of stakeholders can base their decisions

This is a joint





WG

The work will benefit from the existing bioshar



also part of **2** 

## Collaboration and communication

### Key points:

- We all provide information to those seek guidance to use, do or recommend something (databases, tools, standards, training material etc.)
- Designed with a slightly different focus and user needs; focus on curating/cataloguing certain information
- Have different entry points and UIs to fit the specific scope/user needs is good, so federation is key, e.g. cross-referencing
- Pool resources where appropriate

#### Operational Team - based at the







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#### Proponents, core WG members and adopters

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#### Where we are and present



• RDA/WDS Publishing Data Workflows

#### **THUR - Session 6**

 Joint meeting of IG Metadata, WG Metadata Standards Catalog & WG BioSharing Registry: Connecting data policies, standards & databases in life sciences"

#### FRI - Sessions 8 and 9

- Joint meeting of IG ELIXIR Bridging Force & WG BioSharing Registry: Life Sciences and Sensitive Data"
- Joint meeting of IG Domain Repositories, IG Agriculture Data Interest Group (IGAD), WG BioSharing Registry, IG RDA/CODATA Materials Data, Infrastructure & Interoperability & WG Wheat Data Interoperability"





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Jennifer Lin (CrossRef)







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Michael Witt (re3data; Purdue University Libraries)

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