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Demonstration and user training for tools at partner institutions and during congresses

The EDIT Platform for Cybertaxonomy provides software modules to support the taxonomic workflow, to facilitate fieldwork, analyse data, assemble treatments, and publish the results both on the Internet and in print.

Several workshops and demonstration sessions were organised by WP5 of the EDIT project to introduce these tools to the user community and to show the IT specialists of partner institutions how to support their researchers when they are using the Platform.

User workshops gave a practical introduction to Platform concepts and architecture using the example of the construction of a rich biodiversity data portal. It was demonstrated how a variety of different EDIT Platform software modules and services can be combined into an integrated view on all kinds of data related to a specific taxonomic group.

One focus of the user training was the demonstration of the EDIT Taxonomic Editor (“EDITor”) which plays a key role in the process of data integration. It was also explained how information types already available in standard formats can be integrated using one of the Platform data import modules. Such modules are available for the standards TCS (Taxon Concept Schema), ABCD (Access to Biological Collections Data), DarwinCore, and SDD (Structure of Descriptive Data) as well as for well-structured data in (e.g.) Excel Spreadsheets. The demonstration went on showing how to use the Drupal Content Management System to configure and publish a user-friendly and feature-rich taxonomic data portal tailored for a specific user community. Finally, the steps that have to be taken to derive print publications from the Platform were demonstrated.

Within the 5th project year 12 demonstrations were performed hosted by 6 institutions (see also tab.1). The training was part of congresses, meetings or was organised in separate workshops.



Fig 1: EDIT Platform demonstration in Paris, EDIT year5 event, Jan. 2011

Date	Title	Hosting Institution	Number of Participants
25.03.2010	The components of the EDIT Platform for Cybertaxonomy (introduction)	MNHN, Paris	20
07.05.2010	Technology introduction to the EDIT Platform for Cybertaxonomy	Berlin, BGBM	15
25.06.2010	Die EDIT ‚Platform for Cybertaxonomy‘ und ihre Anwendung am Beispiel des Cichorieenportals	Berlin, BGBM	30
26.08.2010	e-taxonomy workshop (on 8 th international Flora Malesiana Workshop, Singapore)	Singapore Botanic Gardens	60
30.09.2010	EDIT CDM workshop: Bringing it all together - how to build rich biodiversity data portal using the EDIT Platform for Cybertaxonomy	TDWG, Woods Hole	30
07.-08.10.2010	EDIT Platform demonstration, ISTC meeting	BGBM, Berlin	27
16.11.2010	EDIT Platform, CDM Introduction, and Installation	NCB, Leiden	14
03.-07.12.2010	CDM and Platform Introduction	BGBM, Berlin	4
22.-26.11.2010	CDM introduction, integration of descriptive data	BGBM, Berlin	4
19.01.2011	EDIT Platform for Cybertaxonomy: Platform tools workshop / e-floras presentations and demonstrations, side event of the EDIT year 5 event	MNHN, Paris	36
24.02.2011	EDIT Platform demonstration, software bazar, BioSystematics Conference, Feb, 2011	BGBM / MfN, Berlin	20
28.02.2011	EDIT Platform demonstration at the 2. Caucasus-Workshop of the Pan-Caucasian Plant Biodiversity Initiative, Data Management within the Initiative	BGBM, Berlin	22

Table 1: EDIT Platform demonstrations and user training in year 5