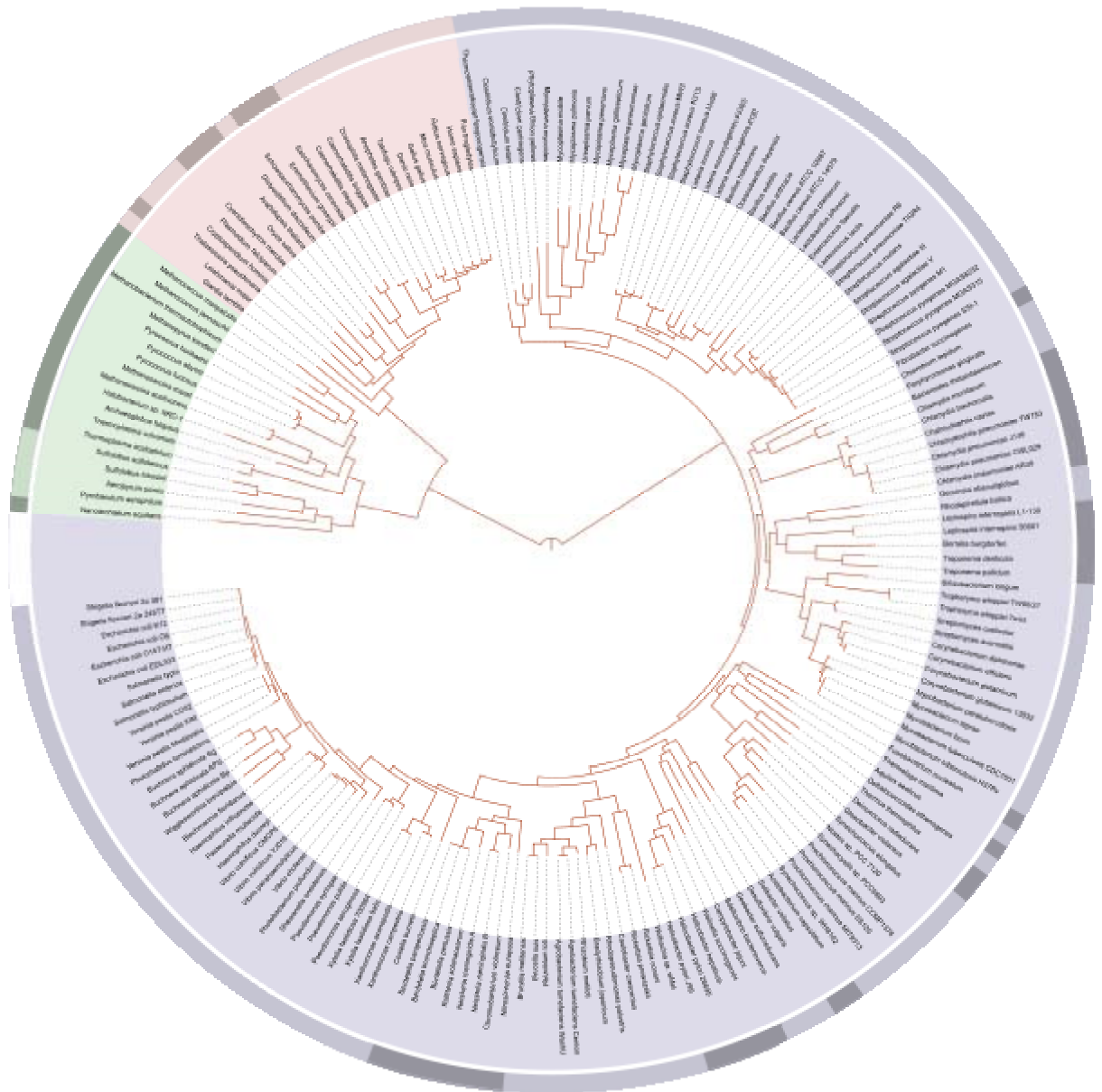


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Biodiversity Information Standards:

is an international body responsible for developing global standards that allow information on biological species, specimens, and observations to be discovered, shared, and combined over the internet.

These standards enable the public, government departments, primary industries, consultants and scientists to access biological information for evaluating areas such as climate change, conservation management and sustainability.

Natural History Collections:

around the world have already made available over 150 million records of specimens of plants and animals collected over hundreds of years.

However, many millions of images and biological observations remain invisible. Most of this information is stored in books, on specimen cards, or in databases that aren't accessible to the public on the internet.

Topic Highlights:

- The significance of international standards
- Biodiversity Information Standards – understanding and management of the living world
- Biodiversity Information Standards – an alliance of biological and Internet expertise
- Why are global identifiers important in understanding species concepts?
- The new *Atlas of Living Australia* project
- The *Global Biodiversity Information Facility*
- The international *Encyclopedia of Life* Project

Implementing the work of BIS:

will benefit an extremely wide audience by greatly improving our understanding of how the living world will respond to challenges such as climate change and invasive species.

The national *Atlas of Living Australia* project will be showcased – a \$35 million project to unlock over \$1 billion worth of biological information held by all major Australian natural history collections across the continent.

Why you should attend:

- If you or your agency collects, manages, or requires access to biological data in order to achieve your aims, then this meeting has strategic significance to your enterprise.
- Allowing your data to integrate into the global information sphere, and visualising it in that context will increasingly become the most valued part of managing your data.
- Knowledge of the standards and tools being developed to achieve this is key to most effectively and efficiently managing & disseminating your biological data into the future.

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