

Introduction

The Encyclopedia of Life and Radiolaria.org agree to work together to develop and share critical biodiversity content to aid in assembling the Encyclopedia of Life. The Encyclopedia of Life will have access to data objects provided by Radiolaria.org and Radiolaria.org will have access to the resources of the Encyclopedia of Life, including species pages, scanned literature, and informatics tools in accordance with the terms listed below.

The Parties

The Encyclopedia of Life (EOL) is an informal consortium of organizations dedicated to building an on-line Encyclopedia of Life composed of content-rich multi-media species pages for all of the presently known species on Earth. Currently, the EOL is composed of five working groups:

- *Species Pages Group* - defines the composition of information on species pages; works with the scientific community to identify potential sources of information (such as Radiolaria.org) for the species pages and to authenticate the information on the species pages; establishes licensing agreements with data providers.
- *Biodiversity Informatics Group* - conceptualizes and prepares the software needed to host and to search the species pages; applies taxonomic intelligence to the scientific names on the species pages and in the literature.
- *Scanning and Digitization Group* - working with the Biodiversity Heritage Library, a consortium of many of the world's largest natural history libraries, digitizes and marks up the world's biodiversity literature.
- *Education and Outreach Group* - exploits the EOL's potential by exploring and promoting its educational uses.
- *Biodiversity Synthesis Group* - holds synthesis meetings to help reach taxonomic consensus on megadiverse groups; develops tools for analyzing and synthesizing information across species pages.

Radiolaria.org is a comprehensive, online database containing a wide range of information about living and fossil radiolarians, from e.g. what radiolarians are to more specific pages with taxonomic data (descriptions, images, synonyms and references), species distribution and links to other online resources. It has an extensive radiolarian bibliography (with several thousand references) and a large archive of plates/publications. Radiolaria.org was made by and for the radiolarian community and enables researchers to communicate and discuss. It is also the official site for InterRad (the international association of radiolarian paleontologists).

Content Licensing

To the greatest extent possible, the Encyclopedia of Life promotes an open-source, open-access approach, encourages public domain content, and prefers the use of the Creative Commons licensing system for copyrighted content.

Content Attribution

EOL intends to provide attribution for all provided content in the manner specified by Radiolaria.org. The methodology EOL uses to attribute the content provided by Radiolaria.org is fundamentally based on multi-level text strings and/or logos at the level of individual data objects. Radiolaria.org will submit attribution information via the EOL Transfer Schema. Both parties understand that the specific style and techniques employed for display of attribution for data objects may change as the EOL evolves.

Roles

In providing its content to EOL, Radiolaria.org will:

- Provide Creative Commons licenses (Attribution-Non Commercial-Share Alike) for its contributed content.
- Provide selected content and meta-data via a format and interchange method compatible with the EOL.
- Provide data objects as-is with no warranty or claim of fitness for purpose.
- Respond to the originators of comments or feedback communicated to Radiolaria.org via the EOL regarding its content, as far as time and resources permit.
- Work with the EOL to improve the quality of the provided data objects and reduce errors.
- Comply with the Creative Commons licenses of any EOL content from other content partners that it may choose to use for its own purposes and to provide full attribution in the specified manner of the license.

In handling the content provided by Radiolaria.org, EOL will:

- Provide tools and methods to enable Radiolaria.org to provide its content to the EOL.
- Cache Radiolaria.org's data objects along with similar content from other sources on EOL's servers.
- Attribute all of Radiolaria.org's data objects according to its copyright and Creative Commons licenses and in the manner specified by Radiolaria.org.
- Present or pass along Radiolaria.org' data objects to others using web services (such as APIs) which will carry the same copyrights, Creative Commons licenses and specified manners of attribution.
- Not alter the data objects provided; however EOL will enable annotations or comments to be added.
- Notify Radiolaria.org of any comments or feedback received about its data objects.

- Work with Radiolaria.org to improve the quality of the provided data objects and reduce errors.
- Notify Radiolaria.org of statistics about the usage of its data objects (monthly reports).
- Enable Radiolaria.org to access content from the EOL and to use that content on Radiolaria.org's own server or site according to the terms of the Creative Commons licenses for that content.
- EOL will show Radiolaria.org's logo and project description on its list of data partners.
- EOL may elect at its sole discretion to present all, portions or none of any data objects provided by Radiolaria.org and reserves the right to redact or remove any illegal, offensive, or objectionable content.

Termination of agreement

Both parties can at any time terminate the agreement/cooperation at their sole discretion. Data exchanged before the termination of the agreement will of course be treated as their attached license permit.

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