

**Subject:** Initial Attempt at a Planning Committee for Fall Meeting

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Hi JP, Jamie, Fred and Gregg,

There is great momentum to coordinate a larger meeting along with the annual GBIRD conference. I have made some initial attempts, but think it should progress collaboratively. As such, I am convening a planning committee for the associated workshop/conference. I would like to suggest you all be party to this effort. Here is an abbreviated (thumbnail sketch really) electronic introduction:

**JP Chretien** – Policy Advisor in Office of Science and Technology Policy, focused on Coordinated Framework and Future Biotechnology Products

**Jamie Reaser** – Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council Secretariat, convened Innovation Summit on invasive species

**Fred Gould** – NAS member, director of the NCSU Genetic Engineering and Society Center, convened multiple gene drive workshops including Environmental Release of Engineered Pests: Building an International Governance Framework

**Gregg Howald** – North American Director of Island Conservation, Regulatory lead for the Genetic Biocontrol of Invasive Rodents Program

**FDA rep** -I would like to invite someone from FDA to participate in the planning – I am thinking Laura Epstein. Thoughts?

#1 – Goals of the planning committee will be determination of dates, venue, meeting goals, and speaker list

#2 – are you willing to participate?

#3 – I need thoughts on an FDA rep for participating

Other feedback welcome!

With Enthusiasm,

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