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Relevant events for the OpenUp! project are any events that address the fields of natural history, biodiversity, and natural history preservation or are directly related to the project or to the project participants.

For collecting information on suitable events (conferences) from project participants, an open active Google worksheet was created. Users can edit this worksheet only if invited. After consultation, WP8 invited all project partners to edit this worksheet under link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Ap4jh56IAucSdEZWUWtjUWlvUVBLME1kVDZld04xZ3c>.

The idea of Google worksheets is to have on-line documents, which may be updated by all project participants throughout the entire life of the OpenUp! project.

The Google worksheet is just one of the sources that inform about these events. Other sources are portals, for example, the *DIVERSITAS* website <http://www.diversitas-international.org/resources/events/> or a list of biology conferences worldwide hosted by *Conference Alerts* <http://www.conferencealerts.com/biology.htm>. These portals include many conferences and events but for the OpenUp! website, we select only the most relevant or attractive. Other sources are the project partners' websites where their institutional events are published. We collect information on which events project participants attended or plan to attend via a dissemination questionnaire that is collected together with each OpenUp! Quarterly Report.

All collected events are published on the project website under the primary menu "Events" <http://open-up.eu/category/story/events>. Events are structured in two tables: "Events Outlook" and "Carried Out Events". All events in the tables are linked with a detailed event description, such as <http://open-up.eu/content/12th-international-coral-reef-symposium>, and a subsequent calendar page for better overview: <http://open-up.eu/calendar/2012-07>. Users can view these details by clicking on the event title, then the calendar link. They can easily synchronise the event calendar with their own calendar by clicking on the "Add to calendar" icon  (<http://open-up.eu/calendar>).

The list of conferences on the website will be updated regularly, at least quarterly. When participants attend a meeting, a short description of the results (with picture) may be published on the website in the "Event" section and also under "News".

The provided list of events is a good guide for project partners to consider possible attendance of conferences in order to disseminate information about the OpenUp! project. The public will also get an overview of the OpenUp! project and its connection with other innovations in natural history.