

Dear NOW Community,

happy 25th birthday NOW, it's about now, it went live early December 1996, sources say. Hope we can have a live NOW gathering next year and let's see what the future brings.

Meanwhile, business is as usual on the NOW factory floor. A major synchronization of elephant taxonomy is under way. Curation of Africa, especially African Miocene, is slowly steadily going forward. An long waited update of carnivore taxonomy and refreshing of their body masses is nearing completion. The archaeology tab is on hold for now, more news on that next year. The usual updates of things that come up are happening continuously, many coordinators make hands on changes every month and many more are consulted via e-mail as NOW curatorial queries arrive. This was an extraordinarily active year.

Many thanks to all the coordinators, the curators, the management team all of you throughout this year and throughout the years and best wishes to the curious growing Community. Onwards!

The NOW curatorial team will have one more meeting this year. Any ideas, suggestions, wishes, complaints, anything to discuss, to take into account? Let us know.

best wishes,

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General coordinator of NOW