Where to from here?

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The Way Forward

- Now that we have a set of concept documents that cover much of astrobiology, it's time to bring the broad community back into the process.
- Each document will be the focus of an hour-long webinar.
  - The document will be available for reading and *comments* no later than the Monday before the webinar.
  - Only individuals listed as "authors" will be able to *edit* the document.
  - Authors will be able to "resolve" comments (in the language of Google Docs).
  - Existing authors can invite individuals to become authors.
- Before commenting, please read and understand the "Guidelines for Commenters" posted on the website.

Key Guidelines for Commenters

- Comments may not be anonymous.
- Comments should be on point and created with the goal of improving the document.
- Comments may be of any length.
  - If a comment exceeds the allowed maximum length (2048 characters including spaces), commenters are encouraged to create a new Google doc and refer to it in the comment in the original document.
- Commenters are encouraged to:
  - challenge the assumptions and conclusions of concept documents in a professional manner;
  - include relevant citations in their comments; and,
  - contact the authors directly if issues too large to be easily contained in a set of comments are identified.
- All comments must be written using Standard American English grammar and spelling.
- Comments that personally disparage an author or referenced researcher will be deleted. A pattern of such comments will result in the commenter being banned.

Current schedule of first fourteen webinars

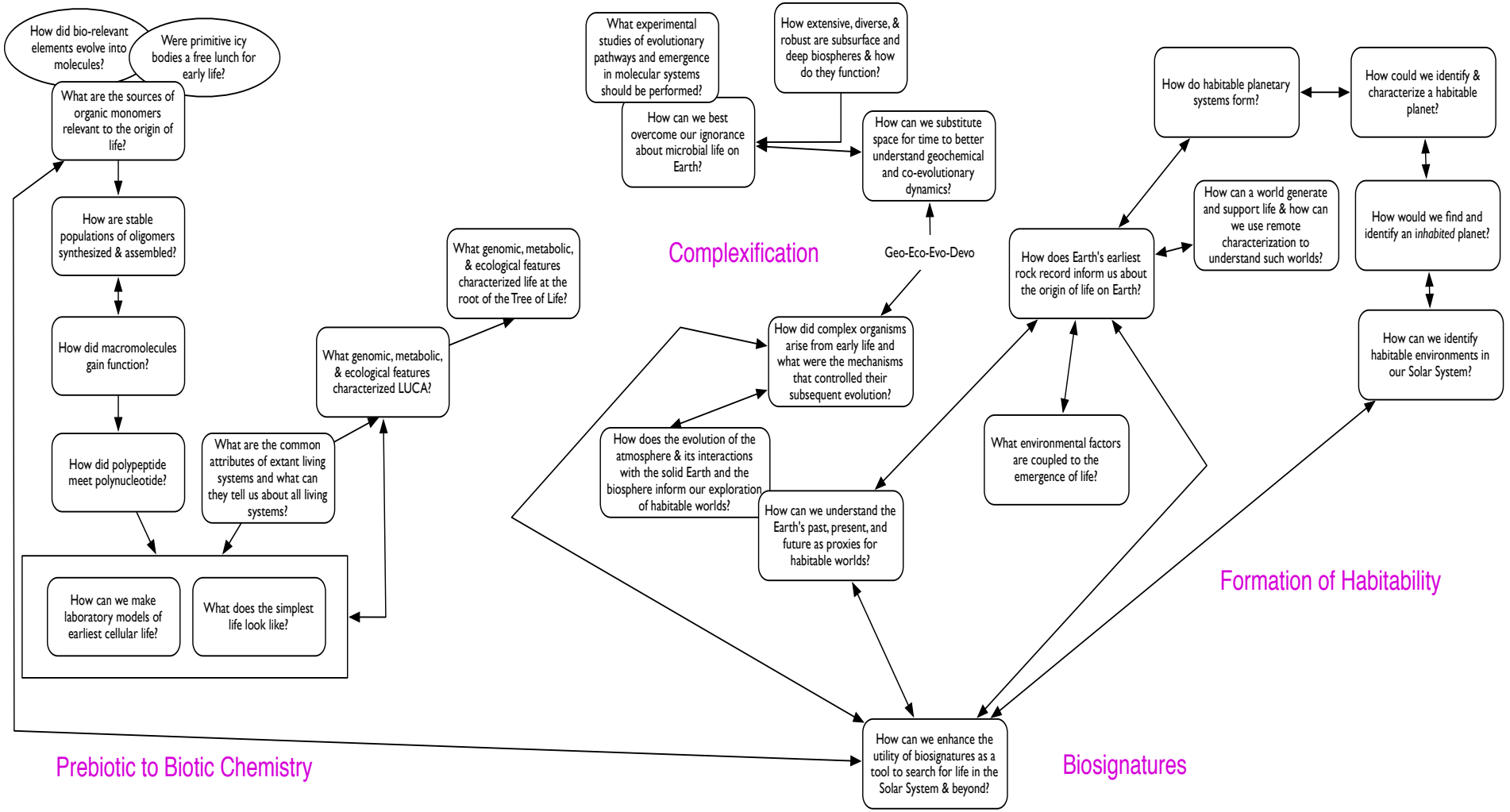
Date	Title of Paper to be Discussed
09/25	How does the evolution of the atmosphere & its interactions with the solid Earth and the biosphere inform our exploration of habitable worlds?
09/26	What are the sources of organic monomers relevant to the origin of life
10/02	Were primitive icy bodies a free lunch for early life?
10/03	How can we best overcome our ignorance about microbial life on Earth?
10/09	How did complex organisms arise from early life and what were the mechanisms that controlled their subsequent evolution?
10/10	How extensive, diverse & robust are subsurface and deep biospheres & how do they function?
10/16	How can we understand the Earth's past, present and future as proxies for habitable worlds?
10/17	How can we enhance the utility of biosignatures as a tool to search for life in the Solar System and beyond?
10/23	What environmental factors are coupled to the emergence of life?
10/24	What are the common attributes of extant living systems and what can they tell us about all living systems?
10/30	How do habitable planetary systems form?
10/31	How can we identify habitable environments in our Solar System?
11/06	How should we search for life on other worlds in our Solar System?
11/07	How can we find and remotely identify habitable or inhabited planets around other stars?

What follows the webinars?

Date(s)	Event
09/23/13 – 01/15/14*	Concept documents start opening for reading and commenting.
01/15/14 – 02/18/14	Authors meet (in person or virtually) to decide on fate of comments and polish writing.
02/03/14 – 03/10/14	Technical editing of documents by a professional.
02/25/14 – 02/28/14	Integration (face-to-face) workshop to produce a more-or-less coherent document.
03/10/14	First draft ready for review.
03/10/14 – 04/04/14	Review of first draft by Planetary Science Subcommittee of NASA Advisory Council.
04/18/14	Final draft ready for publication.

*All dates are approximate…

How things connected back in June



Connections today