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Motivation/Justification

Hypothesis that Web 2.0 technologies can promote:

- Collaboration
- Information exchange
- Global networking among scientists (peer-to-peer)
- Scientific discovery and innovation

Motivation/Justification (cont'd.)

We believed that scientific researchers would want to collaborate in a different manner than that provided by the typical social network such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Second Life or Twitter

We also wanted the system to support a broad range of both published and grey information types such as technical reports, theses, research notes, research papers in progress

Primary Goal

Speed the diffusion of scientific knowledge by enabling improved web 2.0 communications among scientific and research communities.

- Ease implementation of peer-to-peer communications
- Enable informal content creation of both comments and discussion
- Create formal published and grey literature
- Provide mechanisms to access, import, share, view, and cite other published and grey literature

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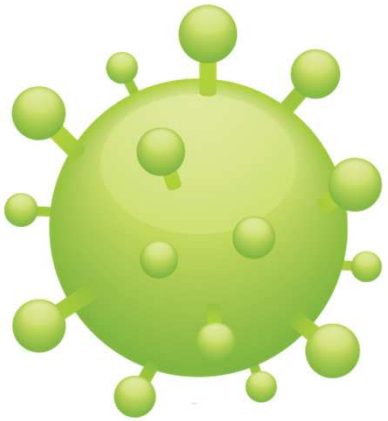
Other Potential Benefits



- Facilitate retrieval of scientific and technical information by librarians and other information professionals

- Apply concept to traditional government research agencies, universities, pharmaceutical companies, and all organizations involved in scientific research

User/Subject Matter Expert Input Sought

- Interviewed hand-selected Focus Group
- Identified larger group to provide periodic feedback

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Major Focus Areas

During 3 years of research:

- Determined high-level requirements for system
  - Simplicity and ease of use
  - Information security
- Conducted survey of commercial off-the-shelf/open source systems
- Produced prototype for evaluation

Prototype Development

- Noted considerable change in landscape of peer-to-peer collaboration between Phase I and Phase II surveys

- Determined significant number of shareware or open source products were highly customizable and would meet many of the project requirements
out-of-the-box

Technology

- **Platforms** Ascent Standards Group
- **Operations** Constant Analog Drupal
- **Systems** Jacobs Research Team developed
- **Supportive** Integrated Systems
- **Repository** (library) for scientific research information
- **Web-based** communities around scientific topics of interest to those groups

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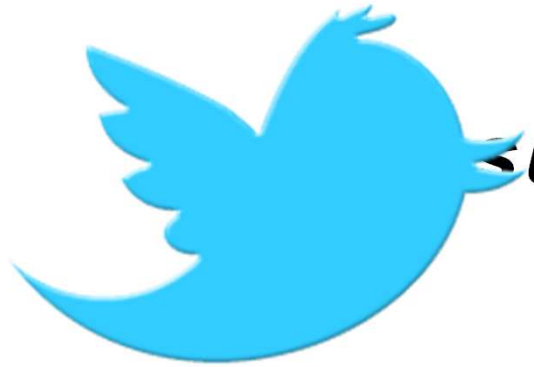
Beta

- "**Science-Forums.net**": The name given the website and system by the Project Team



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Science-Forums.net enables scientists and researchers to ea... an online community around a specialized topic area to foster enhanced communicati... leagues.

1 Step 1
CREATE A PROFILE

2 Step 2
CREATE A FORUM

3 Step 3
INVITE COLLEAGUES

You'll get a simple screen to create a Login ID for accessing the system and starting your Profile. We'll email you a password, and you're ready to create a Profile. It's easy and takes seconds.

Step 1 complete! (Currently logged in)

Enabling scientists to share information about their work in a pre-publishing environment can prevent overlap and reveal opportunities for collaboration and problem solving. Removing organizational and geographical boundaries, members within each forum can leverage the research, reviews, and discoveries of others in the group.

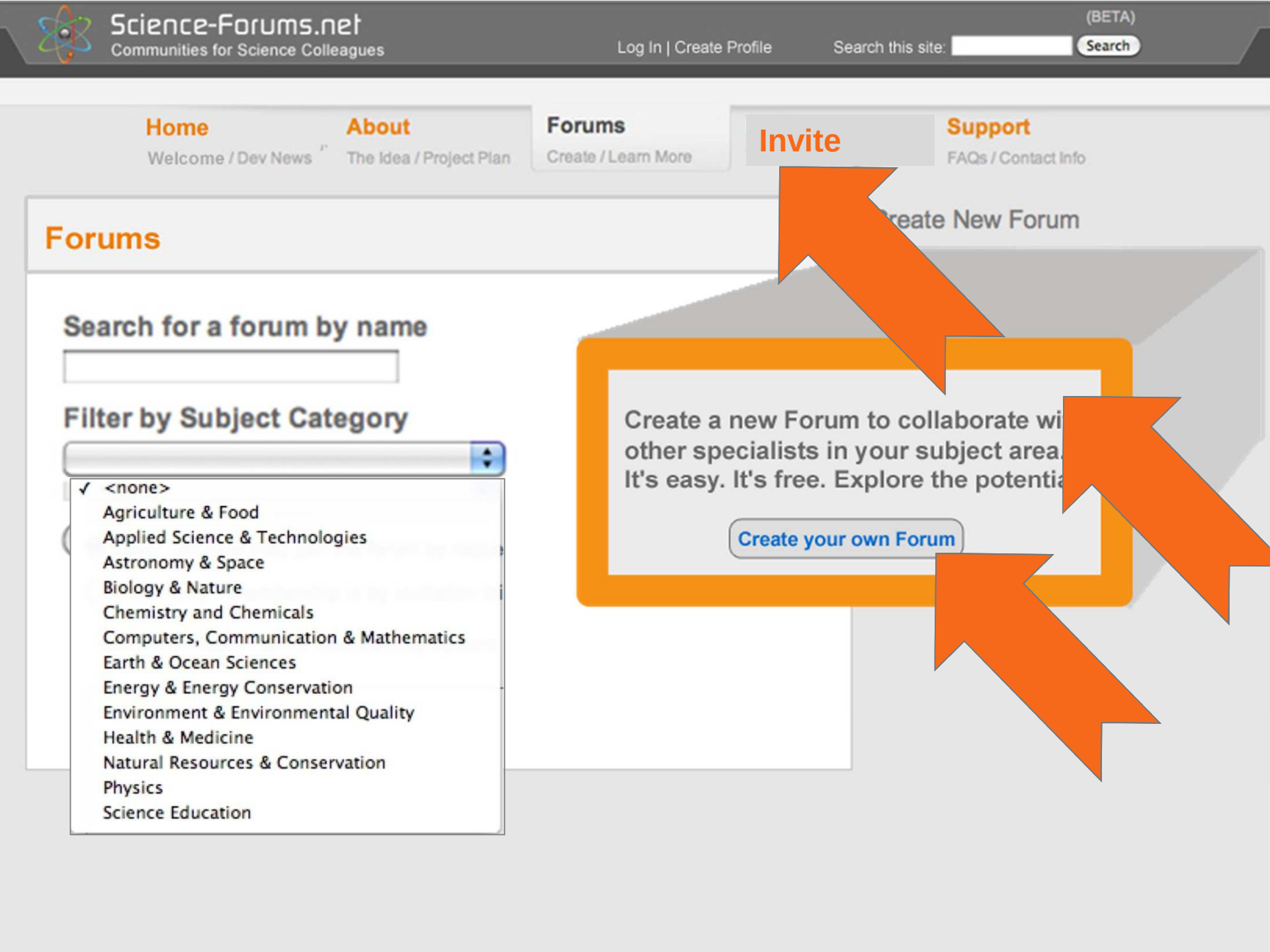
How to Get Started

Announcements / Team Blog

Welcome to Science-Forums.net Beta Development site, dedicated to advancing science through sharing knowledge.

We are pleased to invite you to peruse the site, start a Forum on your topic of interest, and give us feedback.

Would you be interested in seeing a search of DOE Holdings in addition to being able to search one or all Forums?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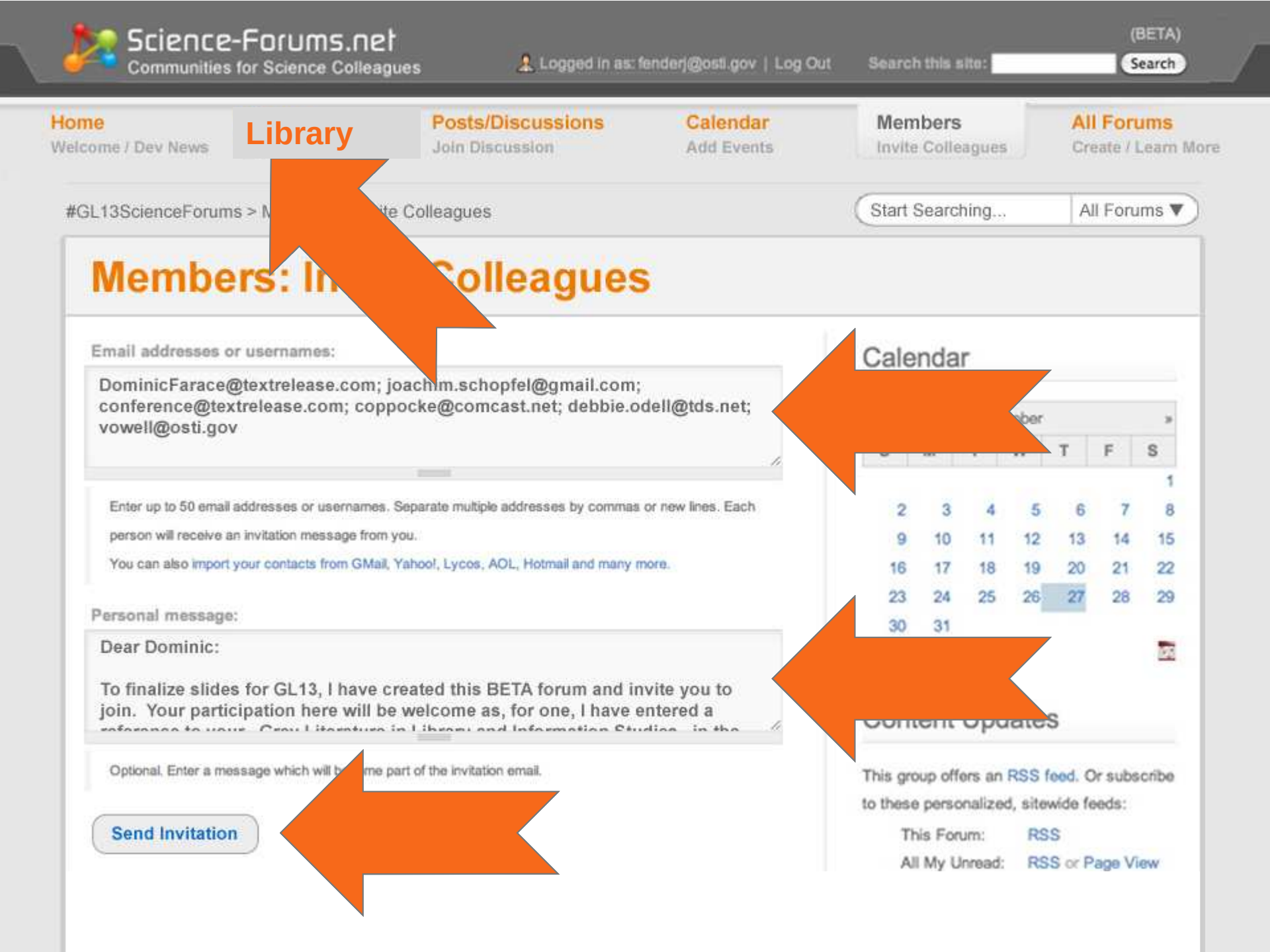
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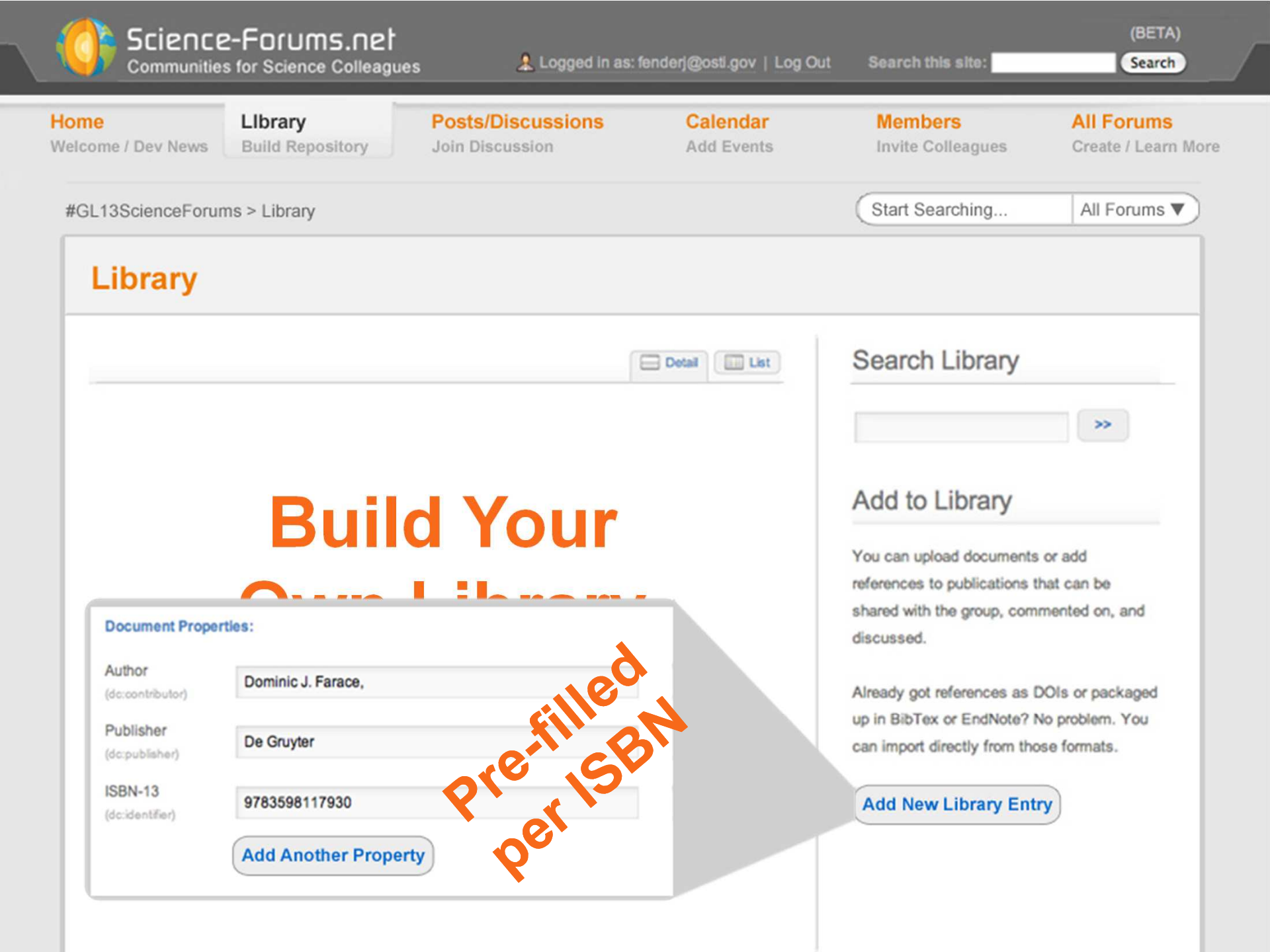
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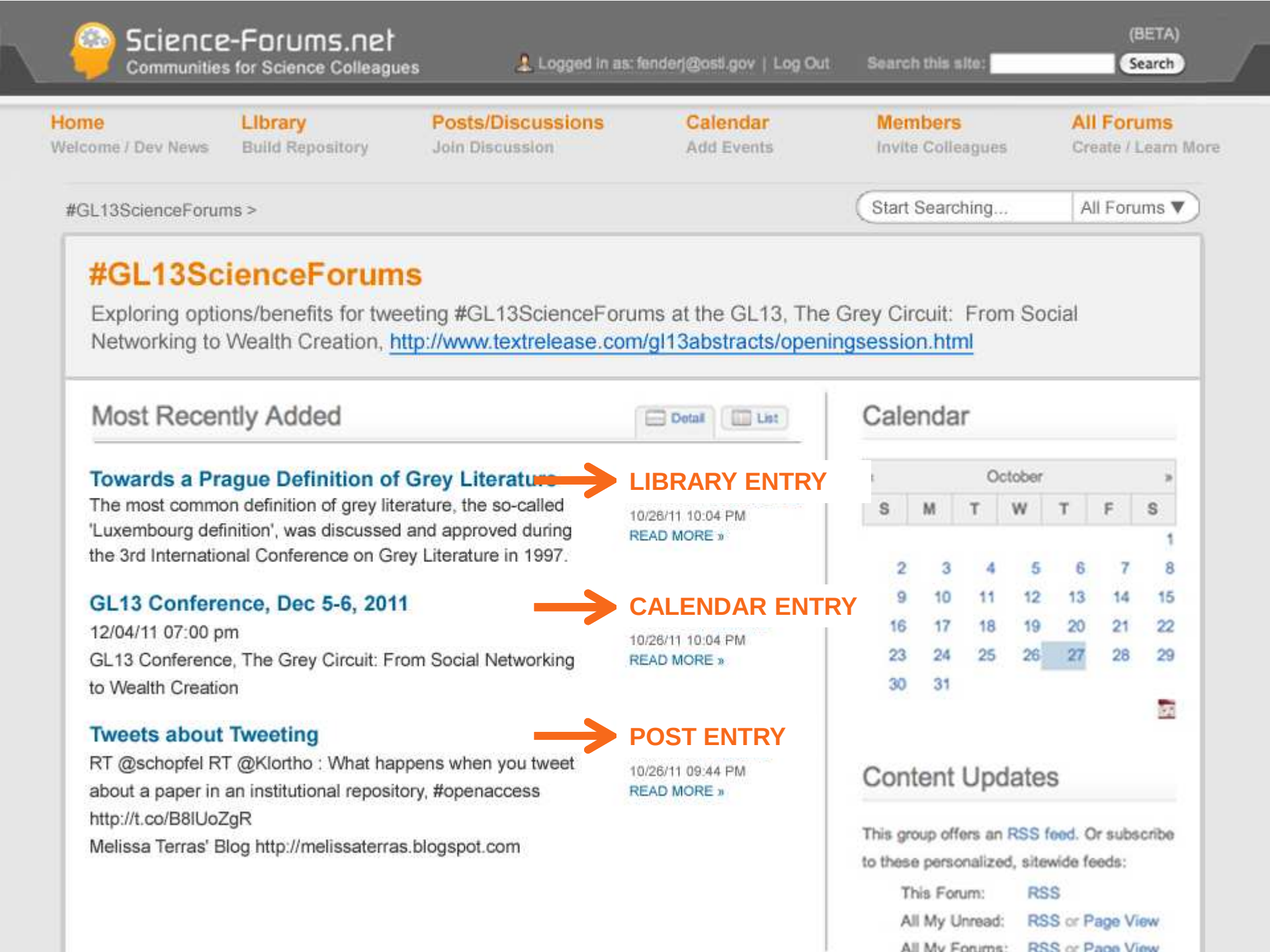
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