

Joining the Gbiota club

Anyone can join the Gbiota club but various operating processes need to be followed.

It is in everyone's interest to have as wide a participation as possible - I certainly see this as a global operation and members are encouraged to recruit new members by sharing information on the underlying principles of the technology.

Generally information on this website is fully available under the creative commons system where information can be shared freely with the understanding that the source is acknowledged.

On the other hand experience has shown that information on the web is prone to corruption and is sometimes used for unethical commercial exploitation.

The Gbiota technology is still young and under continuous experimentation and the reality is that experiments often fail or are simply superseded by improved ideas. It is therefore dangerous to be publishing technologies while they are still in the experimental stage.

Some information therefore needs to be classified as club confidential and the information not shared outside the club. When a specific technology has been tested by club members and it is generally agreed that the technology is solid then it can be reclassified and made widely available under the Creative Commons system.

It is also highly desirable that club members can discuss technology among themselves without having to worry about non club members abusing or corrupting the information.

A separate region of the web site has been set up which is password protected for club members only. If members want to share ideas or experiences with other members they can email me the information preferably as a word document. I can then review this and if needed discuss this with the member then post this on the web in the secure area for other club members to access. This sharing of information is very much encouraged.

The files in this secure area will be living documents - liable to change as new ideas come along or failures or errors are unearthed. Failures are a normal part of experimentation so it is important that club members can make their comments in a secure environment and (unlike of Facebook) have them retracted if needs be.

I am well aware that club members already have a high level of expertise in growing plants and constructing systems like Wicking and Gbiota beds. However in the area of soil and gut biology - and there interaction - there are many questions which have as yet to be answered. These required the facilities of professional research laboratories which we will need to access which will almost inevitably mean that we have to pay for our tests.

Up till now my work has been available free of charge to everyone - I do not do this for profit. In fact it cost me money - for example I am just buying a biological microscope which is not cheap.

However I think the time has come to make a nominal fee for the club. I am suggesting \$20 annual fee which is pretty nominal.

This can be paid by the PayPal icon on my web or direct transfer to my account Westpac 733387 530222.

All you have to do is to email me requesting to join the club and let me know when you have paid the annual fee and I will email you the password for the secure area.

Any question or comments email me at colinaustin@bigpond.com