

Memorandum of Understanding for the Establishment of *TheSNPpit Group*

1. Objectives of the Group:
 1. *TheSNPpit Group* serves as a platform for the maintenance of the Open Source TheSNPpit software
 2. From within *TheSNPpit Group* programming work will be coordinated as regards bug fixes and further development of the core software as well as contributed modules.
 3. *TheSNPpit Group* will create and maintain an infrastructure for mutual support and foster discussion of ideas around TheSNPpit.
2. To achieve the above goals the following organizational structure will be set up:
 1. According to their interests, skills, and involvement *TheSNPpit Group* distinguishes between users, developers, and contributors.
 2. The group **Coordinator** handles the day to day issues and serves as a stopping point for communication internal and external to *TheSNPpit Group*. He further calls electronic or face to face group meetings as deemed useful. The **Coordinator** is elected from the group of developers and contributors.
 3. **Users** run TheSNPpit software on the basis of the SNPpit release tar balls. They want to be included in discussions around TheSNPpit, typically through a mailing list or similar media. **Users** can sign up for this status.
 4. **Developers** are active in coding of all aspects around the TheSNPpit system, the regression tests, creation of releases, installation procedures and documentation. They get full access to the GIT repository which includes the software and the development environment.
 1. The **Software Maintainer** is in charge of accepting modifications and new developments, integrating them into the GIT for release. The **software maintainer** is elected by the group of developers.
 2. The **Developers** address all issues around TheSNPpit code, its verification, installation, examples, and documentation. **Developers** are accepted by the Coordinator and the Developers upon request and provided complete GIT access.
 5. **Contributors** support the objectives of *TheSNPpit Group* through donations in kind, like providing and running the GIT server, the WEB infrastructure and any other possibly financial support. Contributors can serve as references for TheSNPpit installation and incorporation into their workflow.