DAD-CDM Project – Minutes of second PGB meeting

July 17th, 2023, 12:00 pm EDT over Zoom

Suggested links:
- https://lists.oasis-open-projects.org/g/dad-cdm/calendar
- https://lists.oasis-open-projects.org/g/dad-cdm/topics
- https://lists.oasis-open-projects.org/g/dad-cdm-pgb/topics
- https://lists.oasis-open-projects.org/g/dad-cdm
- https://lists.oasis-open-projects.org/g/dad-cdm/files

Present:
Georgianna Shea, FDD (Co-Chair)
Jean-Philippe Salles, Filigran (Co-Chair)
Stephen Campbell, DISARM
Rob Schaul, Limbik
Danielle Deibler, MarvelousAI
Rachele Gilman, GDI
Rafi Mendelsohn, Cyabra
Kelly Cullinane, OASIS
Chet Ensign, OASIS
Jon Brewer, DISARM

Summary of decisions and actions

- Decision: Project Secretaries elected, Jon Brewer and Danielle Deibler
- Decision: Meeting cadence agreed as fortnightly
- Decision: Focus on FIMI in project launch comms
- Action: George to send a poll for best time/day in the week
- Action: Stephen to draft a 'person spec' or job description as a basis for TSC outreach
- Action: Stephen to lead others (eg. Jon, Jean-Philippe and Rob) and create a target list to approach for possible TSC membership
- Action: All – read the content of the github (homework!)
- Action: Chet to set this up Slack for the project
- Action: Stephen will turn on transcriptions capability in his zoom account.

Meeting notes

Election of Secretary/ies
- George asked for note takers and volunteers for ongoing Secretary role(s)

- Jon and Danielle offered to act as Co-Secretaries, with Jon taking notes of this meeting.

Cadence
- George to set a poll
- Every two weeks from the second week in August.

Project structure discussions

- PGB and the TSC are the main bodies
- We can establish more than one TSC and Sub-groups of those, as needed
- We can also nominate working groups - informal collections for specific tasks
- Rob: what is the 'connective tissue; between the TSC and PGB
- Chet: the PGB needs to define this and how it is going to set up the TSC. A representative of the TSC usually sits on the PGB (TSC elects one member). PGB has to pass a motion to nominate the TSC.   TSC drafts project structure and work package recommendations for sign-off by the PGB. PGB decides what is made public.

TSC membership
- We discussed the relative timings of the public launch and TSC recruitment and how the TSC comes together
- George: What kind of people are we looking for?
- Stephen: Data scientists involved in disinformation
- Specific names mentioned - eg George suggested Jane Ginn; Jon suggested Carl Miller; other organisations mentioned, such as potentially ENISA or Debunk.EU
- Danielle: ensure we cover the 'human side' - eg. journalism (non-tech, as well as tech)
- Rafi: people with active experience in IO (eg. analysts); and organisations to help give credence (eg Microsoft)
- Rob: Tech folks; Operational folks; Sociological science (roles and organisations)
- Chet: people with project documentation writing skills
- Jean-Philippe: Viginum
- Danielle: Lithuanian Elves
- Stephen to draft a 'person spec' or job description as a basis for outreach
- Stephen also to work with others (eg. Jon, Jean-Philippe and Rob) to create a target list to approach
- Stephen: we do not need to finalise the TSC before launch.

Launch communication
- Rafi: How does the announcement of the group happen?   We could ride on that to generate more interest and possible members
- Kelly: waiting for a couple of larger sponsors before we 'go live'; we all sign off on a press release
- Jean-Philippe: Also Filigran and EEAS (or potentially Debunk?) at Oasis Borderless
- Stephen: also be aware in writing the press release - Jim Jordan and Stephen Miller; encouragement that we emphasise FOREIGN influence operations in all comms

- Rafi: https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-02195-3
- Stephen: https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/republicans-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/shellenberger-testimony.pdf
- Danielle: A focus on Russia
- Rob: And China; Also, will be in front of the committee (moral support and all good wishes expressed).

Any other business

- Jean-Philippe: Read the content of the github - homework
- Danielle: Can we have a Slack or Discord?
- George: Does it not need to be open?
- Chet: No, not the slack/discord
- Kelly: Ok to slack/discord, but we cannot vote in it
- Chet: We will set this up for you
- Transcriptions - Stephen will turn on the capability in his zoom account.