DataCite Newsletter
February 2020

What's new?

♦ **Our new Outreach Manager.** We're very happy to announce that on the 17th of February Paul Vierkant joined our team as Outreach Manager! Paul will mainly be working on the ORCID DE and COREF projects but is always available for other questions or outreach suggestions. Read more about his plans on our blog!

♦ **The COREF project.** Last month we announced the start of the ORCID DE project, but at the same time we also started the DFG-funded COREF project. COREF is a German project that focuses on re3data, the integration of re3data in the community, and includes identifiers for repositories. You can find the official announcement here.

♦ **The results of the Member Survey.** We are very happy that fifty of you took the time to complete our yearly member survey and tell us what you think! We've looked at your comments in detail and are using these for prioritization in 2020. This blog post summarizes the results.

Tech update

This month we don't have a lot of new launches to report. In the 2019 member survey, we heard from you loud and clear that DataCite is putting out too much too fast, and we're taking that feedback very seriously. That's why we're shifting our focus to making sure our fundamental services are solid and the best they can be, even if this means less flashy new stuff.

We've started with improving the performance of our APIs. This will help our API users to retrieve the information they want more quickly, but it will also help improve load time for our Fabrica users.

Continuing into the rest of 2020, our two main strategic priorities for services and infrastructure are the consolidation of existing services and a stronger emphasis on member-driven product development. Consolidation means fewer services for you to keep track of and simpler maintenance for us, but it also means prioritizing the stability of our services and implementing better monitoring. While we've always been member-focused, in 2020 we'll improve our processes for collecting input from our members, and we'll make sure that what we're working on provides the real value that members have asked for. To learn more about these priorities, check out our most recent blog post.

Question of the month

Every day we receive questions about DataCite services. Each month we will share one of our favorites.

Where should I include funder information in the DOI metadata?

If the resource being published received grant funding from a funder e.g FP7 this information can be included in the DOI metadata in the fundingReferences section.

Example:

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In this case the funderIdentifier DOI is the Crossref Funder ID. Some funders may have multiple identifiers. The DOI is for FP7, but there is a different DOI for H2020, and there will be for Horizon Europe. You can look them up here.

Save the date!

RDA Plenary 15 - March 18-20, 2020, Melbourne, Australia

The next RDA meeting is coming up; a meeting we never miss. It's going to be in Australia this time and if you're there, don't miss the collocated event on Next Generation Repositories where we will talk about DataCite's 2020 plans.

The DataCite business meeting - April 30, 2020, 16.30-17.30 CET, virtual

You will receive a separate invitation for this, but please save the date for DataCite's yearly business meeting. This year we're organizing a virtual meeting to ensure people from around the world can join.

The DataCite member meeting - October 22, 2020, San Sebastian, Spain

On the 22nd of October, one day earlier than previously shared, we're organizing DataCite's yearly member meeting. This will be an opportunity to meet other members and share stories and ideas with the rest of the DataCite community. This meeting will take place immediately after FORCE2020 so we hope you'll be able to travel to Spain in October and join both meetings!

Welcome to new DataCite members

- Weizmann Institute of Science
- PANGAEA
- LifeWatch ERIC
- State Archives of Belgium

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