[Research Software Community Leaders Forum (CLF)](#)

Nov 15, 2023 20:00 UTC [(see in your time zone)](#)

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- [Slides](#)
- These notes [https://tinyurl.com/CLF-Nov23](#)
- Community Leadership Forum [folder](#)

Agenda:
Chair: Michelle Barker, Director, Research Software Alliance (ReSA)
Attendees: Zachary Baker, Dan Katz, Jeremy Cohen, Kim Hartley, Shurui Zhou, Qian Zhang, Carole Goble, Carlos Martinez,

No	Item	Person	Time

1	Welcome and introductions
	• ReSA [Code of Conduct](#)
	• Note that this meeting will be recorded to assist with note-taking; the recording will not be shared
	• Aim of Community Leaders Forum
	• Introductions
	  ○ Your name
	  ○ The organisation you represent
	  ○ Your role in the organisation
		Chair	0:00
			5 mins

2	Sector news:
	• Updates from participants on
	  ○ How your organisation engages with research software
	  ○ New policy, initiatives, communities, funding
	  ○ Other things happening in the ecosystem (outside your organisation)
		All	0:10
			20 mins

3	Monthly discussion topic - [Slides](#) • Update on Research Software Alliance (ReSA) strategy, engagement and operations, including the proposed ReSA-RDA Working Group on [Policies in Research Organisations for Research Software (PRO4RS)](#), our [Organisational Membership](#) program, and the work of our [Community Managers](#) in Asia and Africa	Chair	0:30 25 mins

4	Next meeting date (times alternate to accommodate all time zones): ● 2024 dates TBD ● To help us plan accessible calls, please let us know any requirements you may have by contacting info@researchsoft.org	Chair	0:50

Notes:

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Sector news
   - [European Virtual Institute for Research Software Excellence](#) (EVERSE) aims to create a framework for research software and code excellence, collaboratively designed and championed by the research communities, in pursuit of building a European network of Research Software Quality and setting the foundations of a future Virtual Institute for Research Software Excellence
     - i.   Kick off is in March 2024
     - ii.   https://everse.software/
   - Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) have released a report on [research software visibility](#) undertaken by Karthik Ram and James Howison, about infrastructure needed to make research software more visible. This supports the [national research software agenda](#) developed last year.
   - [Establishing a national research software award](#) by Isabelle Blanc Catala et al. discusses the French awards for research software.
   - ARDC is funded by the Australian Federal Department of Education through a scheme called the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS). Recently [a draft strategy for National Digital Research Infrastructure was put out for consultation](#) (submissions close November 20th), in relation to NCRIS. This strategy covers 6 areas, one of which is Research Software, and this may indicate future strategic investment in this space. You can make submissions to the consultation, eg from the position of a policy maker, funder, or institution, in support of Research Software.
   - US-RSE and the IEEE Computer Society are pleased to announce the publication of "Research Software Engineers: Creating a Career Path—and a Career" (https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.10073232). This joint activity describes the Research Software Engineer career and provides a guide to needed skills and how they can be learned and practised, as well as how to engage with other RSEs. It also discusses some of the reasons one might choose to become an RSE. It includes inputs from community experts: Caroline Jay (University of Manchester), Daniel S. Katz (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), Jeremy Cohen (Imperial College London), and Rinku Gupta (Argonne National Laboratory).

- - [Updated Software is Valued Software](#) by Vanessa Sochat - as summarised in Johanthan Dursi's [Research Computing Teams Newsletter](#): Sochat presents very valuable data, analyzing the open-source research software submitted to the [RSE Encyclopedia](#), estimating publication date and finding out how recently the relevant repositories have been updated.
  - Also, the Helmholtz Association, Germany's largest research organization, initiated the "Helmholtz Incubator Software Award" as a new prize which will be given out in 2024.
  - Papers from [OpenScienceSE 2023](#) by Daniela Feitosa, Christina von Flach: [Understanding Practices and Challenges of Developing Sustainable Research Software: A Pilot Interview](#); and (in Portuguese) [Understanding Sustainability and FAIRness of Research Software](#)
  - Research Software Engineers: Creating a career path–and a career https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10073233
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3. Monthly discussion topic
   - See [Slides](#).
   - PRO4RS A summary of this session at RDA Plenary 21 is available at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DGogqvx6mUfAoIl9ohuNUX6CBIl9qJJ5pYYTn-AeTtQ/edit#heading=h.kod3amqadyl5
     i. Including the recording at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgfyeAQqE7U
     ii. Join the WG: https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/rda-resa-policies-research-organisations-research-software-pro4rs
   - Software authorship TF GitHub repo: https://github.com/researchsoft/software-authorship-contribution -- (not the best way to engage, but we are working on it)
   - Events:
     i. International RSE meetup: https://www.software.ac.uk/news/international-research-software-engineering-research-irser-community-meetup
     ii. OpenForum Academy Symposium 2023 on Open Source Software November 28 @ 09:00 – 17:00 https://www.ngi.eu/event/ofa-symposium/
     iii. https://conf.researchr.org/track/icse-2024/icse-2024-research-track
   - Netherlands eScience Center blog post on roles of research software: https://blog.esciencecenter.nl/defining-the-roles-of-research-software-21535a43f23