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Welcome to the 7th edition of the DARIAH *Transition Bulletin*. This regular bulletin is designed to keep our partners informed about the latest developments during the transition phase of DARIAH.

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Virtual Competency Centres (VCCs) update

2nd DARIAH-EU General VCC meeting: On 28 – 30 November 2012 the 2nd DARIAH-EU General VCC meeting took place at the University of Vienna, Austria. This action/results-orientated meeting was attended by 80 people from 12 countries.

After the welcome from Dr. Isabella Eiselt (Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research) and Prof. Wolfgang U. Dressler (Austrian Academy of Sciences), DARIAH-EU Chief Integration Officer Henk Harmsen presented the demarcation lines between the DARIAH Virtual Competency Centres (VCCs) and gave an overview over the types of offer DARIAH aims to provide for the research community. Among others, these are: accessibility, interoperability and expertise.



Henk Harmsen

After presentations from the VCC heads about the aims and structure of their VCCs, intensive work starts within the VCC sessions. All VCCs met separately to discuss their tasks, to exchange knowledge and organise their work. It turned out that several subjects needed to be discussed in cross-VCC sessions. One of the outcomes of these sessions was the need to establish a Persistent Identifier expert group. Another cross-VCC task will be to develop a publication workflow process and a third cross-VCC task will deal with demonstrators.



Plenary Vienna

Day 2 was dedicated to these discussions from which some of them were continued during the conference dinner in a typical Austrian restaurant, a Heuriger.

The DARIAH-EU Directors Laurent Romary and Tobias Blanke collected impressions of and aspirations for DARIAH and brought them together with the DARIAH-overall strategic approach.

While some DARIAH Boards took the opportunity to have face to face meetings, some colleagues organised open sessions on Day 3 of the meeting. Marin Dacos collected ideas for centerNet Europe and Maarten Hoogerwerf facilitated a discussion about enhancing scholarly content communication.



Dirk
Wintergrün

VCC4 head changes: Dirk Wintergrün from the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science started his work as DARIAH-VCC4 Head for Germany. He will replace Heike Neuroth who will focus on her role as Principal Investigator for DARIAH-DE. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Heike whose expertise and energy has helped DARIAH-EU become what it is today.

DARIAH-EU Coordination Office (DCO) update



In October 2012, France, as the future Host Country of the DARIAH ERIC, submitted the initial 'Step 1' application to the European Commission to establish a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC). The Commission, with the assistance of a group of experts, will assess this initial application for compliance with the ERIC regulation. The results of this evaluation are expected in early 2013.



We are very pleased to inform you that we will 'soft-launch' the new DARIAH-EU website in late spring 2013. On the new website we provide a collection of contributions from our DARIAH partners, an overview of DARIAH activities and a DARIAH library. As part of the development activities related to the new website, we are happy to inform you that DARIAH started a cooperation with [calenda](#). Calenda is a French Open Access online announcement service in the humanities and social sciences. Calenda is one of three platforms provided by [OpenEdition](#).

DARIAH Partner News

DARIAH-DE: Text Analysis for Literary History

On 22/23 November 2012 a workshop on "Quantitative Text Analysis for Literary History" took place at the University of Würzburg. This first DARIAH-DE expert workshop brought together researchers from France, Germany, Poland and the United States. The experts focussed on methods and tools in the domain of quantitative analysis of large text collections in the context of literary history. The aim of this workshop was to consider recent developments and issues in quantitative text analysis and their relevance to the way we understand and write literary history. The event explored the use of grammatical features and topic models in stylometry and articulated the need for a European reference corpus for literary text analysis.

DARIAH-FR: On 30th January 2013, the TGE Adonis will organise a one-day meeting in order to present the DARIAH to the French community of researchers and engineers in Arts and Humanities. The different aspects of the project (institutional, scientific, legal, financial, etc.) will be presented. Several presentations will be given by French or DARIAH colleagues already involved in the project.

During this meeting, amongst others, Jacques Dubucs ([Ministry of Research and Higher Education](#)), Patrice Bourdelais ([INSHS](#)), Jean-Luc Pinol ([TGE Adonis](#)), Laurent Romary ([Inria](#)), Sophie David ([TGE Adonis](#)), Raymond Bérard ([Bibliographic Agency for Higher Education](#)), Sandra Collins ([Digital Repository of Ireland](#)) Marin Dacos ([Cléo](#)), Judith Hannoun and Véronique Ginouvès ([Consortium "Archives des Ethnologues" of CORPUS-IR](#)), Karl-Heinz Mörtz ([Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften](#)), will take the floor. **Organising committee:** Nadine Dardenne, Sophie David, Nicolas Larrousse, Jean-Luc Minel.

DARIAH-IE: Realising the Opportunities of Digital Humanities



In October 2012, the [Digital Repository of Ireland](#) (DRI) co-organised a major international conference that drew 300 participants and 30 speakers from across Ireland, Europe and North America, and showcased 27 demonstrations of current digital humanities projects. The conference addressed the challenges facing Digital Humanities, and offered expert talks and hands-on skills workshops on topics such as linked data, digitisation, archiving, copyright, and intellectual property. On the opening day, Minister Sean Sherlock, TD (Minister of State, Department of Enterprise, Jobs & Innovation and Department of Education & Skills with responsibility for Research & Innovation) [launched](#) the DRI's [national report](#) on Digital Archiving in Ireland, and also launched the [National Open Access Statement](#), prepared by the National Steering Committee on Open Access Policy. The conference generated considerable dialogue, both in the hallways of the host venues of Croke Park, the Royal Irish Academy, and NUI Maynooth, but also through social media (the panels were live-streamed for offsite participants). A curated version of the conference, including panellist videos, slides, and audience social media postings, has been prepared and is available online as a '[Media Mashup](#)'.



The workshop was co-organised by the [Digital Repository of Ireland](#), the [Digital Enterprise Research Institute](#), the [Digital Humanities Observatory](#), and [DARIAH-EU](#), and was generously sponsored by [Science Foundation Ireland](#), the [Higher Education Authority](#), the [Royal Irish Academy](#), the [National University of Ireland, Maynooth](#), the [National University of Ireland, Galway](#), the [Digital Enterprise Research Institute](#), and the [Digital Humanities Observatory](#).



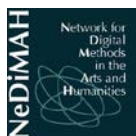
DARIAH-NL: On 10 December 2012 the Data Seal of Approval (DSA) Conference 2012 took place as a satellite event of the [CULTURAL HERITAGE on line conference, Trusted Digital Repositories & Trusted Professionals](#). The [Archaeology Data Service](#) which is one of eight institutions/initiatives who received the seal. They reported from their experience with the [DSA application process](#). A workshop dealt with the [DSA guidelines](#).

DARIAH-LU: We are delighted to announce that Luxembourg has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) formally expressing their interest in participating in DARIAH. DARIAH-LU activities will be coordinated by the [Centre Virtuel de la Connaissance sur l'Europe \(CVCE\)](#).

DARIAH-FR/DARIAH-NL: [Data Archiving and Networked Services](#) (DANS), an institute of the [Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences](#) (KNAW) and the [Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research](#) (NWO), and [TGE Adonis](#) (Integrated Access to Digital Data and Documents in Human and Social Sciences), have decided to investigate the different possibilities of interoperability between their portals [NARCIS](#) (Netherlands) and [ISIDORE](#) (France), in order to offer an integrated access to European research data, publications, projects, researchers and organisations to anyone interested in the field of Arts and Humanities.



DARIAH Affiliated Projects



New Methods/New Perspectives on Humanities Scholarship: A NeDimah/DARIAH

Workshop: A [one-day workshop](#) took place at the [Trinity Long Room Hub](#) on 27

November 2012. This workshop hosted by [NeDiMAH](#) with support from DARIAH

provided an introduction to new methodologies that allows to engage with

increasing digital data. The core areas which NeDiMAH has been investigating were focussed:

space and time; information visualisation; linked data and ontological methods; building and

developing collections for digital data for research; using large-scale text collections for research;

digital scholarly editions; and the impact of digital methods on scholarly publishing.

We are pleased to announce that two new projects **ARIADNE (Advanced Research Infrastructure for Archaeological Dataset Networking in Europe)** and **Europeana Cloud** will start in February 2013. We will provide you with more details about these new projects in our next Bulletin.

DARIAH Related Activities

Digital Transformations Moot: DARIAH-EU was invited to participate in the [Digital Transformations Moot](#) which took place on 19 November 2012. Together with [EHRI](#) colleagues, DARIAH presented activities in and around DARIAH.



Open Humanities Hack: The Open Humanities Hack was the first Digital Humanities hack organised jointly by the [Kings College London Department of Digital Humanities](#), DARIAH, the [Digitised Manuscripts to Europeana \(DM2E\)](#) project and the [Open Humanities Working Group at the Open Knowledge Foundation](#). A group of 15 people gathered in the grand confines of the Large Committee Room at Kings College London. The principle of the day was simple: bring a mix of researchers, data providers and coders together to hack on new open-source applications developed by the Open Knowledge Foundation, the DM2E project and the Kings College Digital Humanities Department. The [EHRI](#) team are going to start integrating Timeliner as a resource discovery tool in their front-end, so that users can browse and search for Holocaust related archival collections through the Timeliner. More result can be found on the [Open Humanities Hack webpage](#).



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