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Welcome to the third 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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Important dates

- DARIAH-ERIC Application Steering Committee meeting, Bonn, 6 October 2011
- DARIAH-ERIC application submission, November 2011
- First edition of the new DARIAH Newsletter, December 2011
- Supporting Digital Humanities Conference 2011, Copenhagen, 17 – 18 November, 2011
- Start of the DARIAH Construction Phase, 1 January 2012

DARIAH-EU Coordination Office (DCO)

The **DARIAH-EU Coordination Office (DCO)** is pleased to announce that Serbia has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) formally expressing their interest in participating in DARIAH.

The **DARIAH-EU Coordination Office (DCO)** would like to thank all those countries who provided feedback on the draft DARIAH-ERIC Statutes. An updated version, incorporating all the feedback, has been prepared for the **DARIAH-ERIC Application Steering Committee meeting** on 6 October 2011 in Bonn. The invitation letter for this meeting was sent out by the DCO on behalf of Jacques Dubucs (Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche) in August. Each DARIAH Member or Observer will be represented by at least one national or ministerial representative.

The third face-to-face meeting of the **DARIAH Transitional Government** took place in Nijmegen on 1 September. Key topics discussed included the final preparations for the DARIAH-ERIC Application Steering Committee meeting in Bonn and the VCC planning. The next meeting of the **DARIAH Transitional Government** will take place on 7 October, in Bonn.

The **DARIAH-EU Coordination Office** will be strengthened by a Chief Integration Officer (CIO) from The Netherlands. The main task of the CIO will be to ensure that the activities across all of the VCCs are coordinated. The addition of this new post means that the DCO will now be managed by France, Germany and The Netherlands.

In next few weeks the **DARIAH-EU Coordination Office** will receive technical support for setting up the new website. In addition to providing information for the different DARIAH

stakeholder groups, the website will provide access to the internal area (wiki), an application form for interested partners and an archive of the DARIAH newsletters.

Virtual Competency Centres (VCCs)

With the establishment of the post of Chief Integration Officer (CIO) for VCC coordination and the DARIAH-ERIC application progressing well, it is now time to turn attention to gathering the VCC contributions from all DARIAH partners. The VCC Heads, who are responsible for coordinating the tasks of a particular VCC, will lead this activity. The VCC Heads are currently Andreas Aschenbrenner and Malte Dreyer (Germany) and Karlheinz Mörth (Austria) for VCC 1 (eInfrastructure), Bente Larsen (Denmark) and Susan Schreibman (Ireland) for VCC 2 (Research and Education), Sophie David (France) and Henk Harmsen (The Netherlands) for VCC 3 (Scholarly Data Management) and Heike Neuroth (Germany) for VCC 4 (Advocacy, Outreach and Impact). VCC4 is supporting this activity by collecting information to create a comprehensive overview called **DARIAH space** with all relevant data concerning partner institutions, national digital humanities roadmaps, contribution and relation to other projects. A first meeting of the VCC Heads is currently being organised for 19 November at the University of Copenhagen, following the *Supporting Digital Humanities (SDH 2011)* conference.

DARIAH Partner News

DARIAH-DE: First consortium meeting

The first consortium meeting took place on 20-21 September in Berlin. Apart from reporting about the progress in the work packages the Executive Board had its first meeting as well as the Steering Committee.

DARIAH-NL: Submission of the national roadmap

The national roadmap of The Netherlands called Common Lab Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities (CLARIAH) was submitted to the Ministry. This virtual 'Common Lab' will provide a sustainable *eHumanities* research environment, which will provide researchers and research groups with integrated access to unprecedented collections of seamlessly interoperating digital research resources and innovative tools to process them in virtual workspaces, thus enabling *Data Intensive Science* in the humanities.

DARIAH-related activities

Supporting Digital Humanities 2011, Copenhagen, 17 – 18 November 2011

[SDH2011](#) is the second conference that is jointly organised by the [CLARIN](#) and [DARIAH](#) initiatives, which are building the European research infrastructure for the humanities and related disciplines. The first SDH conference in 2010 gave a broad and multi-faceted presentation of the domains of interest to CLARIN and DARIAH. This time we have chosen a somewhat more focussed approach, concentrating on two major themes, but not excluding other themes of interest for the humanities.

The two themes are:

- Sound and movement – music, spoken word, dance and theatre
- Texts and things – texts, and the relationship between texts and material artefacts, such as manuscripts, stone or other carriers of texts.

The registration is open until 10 November (Early Bird rate until 15 October).

<http://cst.ku.dk/sdh2011/registration/>

EGI signed letter of intent with DARIAH and CLARIN

In July EGI (European Grid Infrastructure) signed a [Letter of Intent with DARIAH and CLARIN](#) aiming to provide the arts and humanities with an e-Infrastructure of their own. The two projects, DARIAH and CLARIN, both signed the three-way agreement, which has the express intention of ensuring that technology developed by the two ESFRI projects and EGI are compatible and provides the best service to their users. The agreement also provides a blueprint for similar arrangements between EGI and other user communities that are interested in exploring grid technology but are temporarily constrained from establishing a Virtual Research Community.

eSciDoc Days, 26-27 October 2011

The Max Planck Digital Library (MPDL) and the FIZ Karlsruhe – Leibniz Institute for Information Infrastructure invite you to the 4th [eSciDoc Days](#) to be held on October 26 and 27, 2011 at Tagungsstaette Harnack House in Berlin, Germany. Presentations will demonstrate existing eSciDoc Applications and the underlying eSciDoc Infrastructure as well as its future directions.

Mirroring DARIAH, eSciDoc offers VCC1 e-infrastructure, a service concept, which is based on the eSciDoc repository software, which was advanced as part of the developments of a generic Archive-in-a-box service concept. Once finalised, the archive system will cover all main criteria for interoperability with DARIAH.

The programme topic *Infrastructure Projects* will be presented by Tobias Blanke highlighting eSciDoc connections with DARIAH and Peter Wittenburg, from the Max-Planck-Institute for Psycholinguistics, speaking about CLARIN.

Berlin 9 Open Access Conference, 9-10 November 2011

In the series of [Berlin 9 Open Access Conferences](#), this year's conference will take place in Washington DC, on 9-10 November at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. During the conference, experts and scientists will first explore how open, online access has the potential to transform the process of discovery and the translation of knowledge into benefits for society. In addition, the conference highlights the possibilities for increasing public engagement and new opportunities for scholarship and business.

The [Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities](#) is a document that outlines concrete steps to promote the Internet as a medium for disseminating global knowledge.

Feedback?

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