

Transition Bulletin, May 2012

Welcome to the 5th 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.

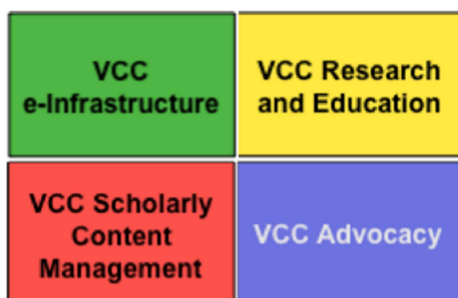
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Important dates

- [Digital Humanities 2012](#)
- [Workshop: Service-oriented Architectures \(SOAs\) for the Humanities: Solutions and Impacts, 16 July 2012, Hamburg](#)
- [Workshop: Realising the Opportunities of Digital Humanities, 23 – 25 October 2012, Dublin and Maynooth](#)

1st General Virtual Competency Centres (VCC) meeting, Utrecht, The Netherlands



The first General VCC meeting took place on 2 - 3 April 2012 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. The meeting was attended by over 75 participants from 15 countries who met to talk about the kind of DARIAH activities that take place in their country and what they expect from DARIAH.

Henk Harmsen, VCC Chief Integration Officer (CIO), from our hosts, DANS, opened the meeting. Henk invited participants to 'Board the DARIAH train!' emphasising the importance of making the journey to develop DARIAH together.



Board the DARIAH train!
Henk Harmsen, VCC CIO, DARIAH-EU



How could DARIAH-EU support my institution?
(left to right) Jurij Hadalin, Slovenia | Toma Tasovac, Serbia |
Manfred Thaller, Germany | Peter Doorn, Netherlands |
Tobias Blanke, DARIAH-EU

The two panel sessions facilitated by Tobias Blanke sparked some interesting discussions around what is expected from DARIAH. The first session explored how DARIAH could support a wide range of institutions in their day-to-day work. The second session looked at how DARIAH could support the work of both individual researchers and European-wide research initiatives such as EHRI (European Holocaust Research Infrastructure) and NeDiMAH (Network for Digital Methods in the Arts and Humanities).

In the DARIAH members session, we took a whistle-stop tour through Europe hearing about the 'Top 3' DARIAH-related activities in Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, The Netherlands, Lithuania, Serbia, Slovenia and the UK.



DARIAH's members: what activities are there in my country
with Heike Neuroth presenting DARIAH-DE, Germany

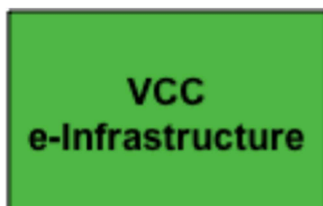
The parallel VCC sessions were a core element of the meeting. In these breakout sessions, participants had the opportunity to discuss and further define the tasks of the VCCs, to name task leaders and prepare the ground for future collaboration.

The documents from the 1st General VCC meeting can be found on the [DARIAH-EU website](http://dariah-eu.org). The next General VCC meeting is being planned for November. Further details will be available shortly.

Virtual Competency Centres (VCCs) update

A key outcome of the 1st General VCC meeting in Utrecht was the definition of the VCC tasks. Once finalised, these tasks will form a Detailed Operational Plan for the ongoing development of DARIAH. Here is an overview of the key tasks that have been identified for the VCCs so far:

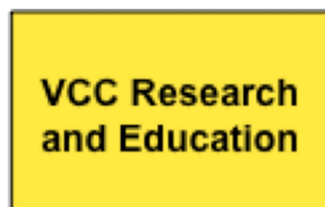
VCC1 e-Infrastructure will establish a shared technology platform for Arts and Humanities research



- Task 1: Management and Coordination (Charly Mörtz, Austria and Ye Cao, Germany)
- Task 2: A+H infrastructure services
- Task 3: Reference software packages
- Task 4: Preservation infrastructure
- Task 5: Data federation and interoperability
- Task 6: Developer community
- Task 7: A+H Service environment
- Task 8: A+H Research environment demonstrators

VCC Research and Education Liaison will expose and share researcher's knowledge, methodologies and expertise.

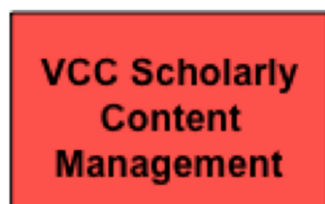
We like to welcome Erik Champion as the Project Manager of the DIGHUBLAB in Denmark. Erik will join Susan Schreibman, Ireland, in co-leading VCC Research and Education Liaison. He will replace Marianne Ping Huang from Aarhus University in Denmark.



- Task 1: Management and Coordination (Susan Schreibman, Ireland and Erik Champion, Denmark)
- Task 2: Understanding Research Practices (Costis Dallas, Greece and René van Horik, The Netherlands)
- Task 3: Training and Education (Marianne Ping Huang, Denmark and Toma Tasovac, Serbia)
- Task 4: Community Engagement (Christof Schöch, Germany)
- Task 5: Virtual Research Environment (Matt Munson, Germany)

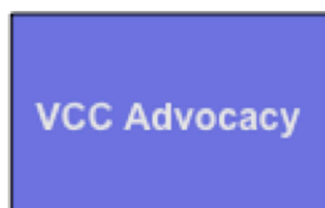
VCC Scholarly Content Management will facilitate the exposure and sharing of scholarly content

We would like to welcome Laurents Sesink, The Netherlands, will join Sophie David, France in co-leading VCC Scholarly Content Management. He will replace Henk Harmsen who will concentrate on his role as Chief Integration Officer (CIO).



- Task 1: Management and Coordination (Sophie David, France and Laurents Sesink, The Netherlands)
- Task 2: Curation (Kees Waterman, The Netherlands)
- Task 3: Best Practices and Open Access (Sandra Collins, Ireland)
- Task 4: Reference Data Registry (Daniel Kurzawe, Germany)
- Task 5: Digital Repository Support
- Task 6: Enriching Digital Scholar Contents

VCC Advocacy, Impact and Outreach will interface with key influencers in and for the Arts and Humanities



- Task 1: Management and Coordination (Heike Neuroth, Germany)
- Task 2: High-Level Advocacy
- Task 3: Impact & Value
- Task 4: Outreach
- Task 5: Ensuring Capacity in DARIAH

DARIAH-EU Coordination Office (DCO) update

Annual Report 2011

The [DARIAH-EU Annual Report for 2011](#) has been published. The aim of the DARIAH-EU Annual Report is to provide an overview of DARIAH's key achievements in 2011.

Information Brochure

A new information brochure entitled [Introducing DARIAH-EU](#) has been published. The information brochure provides an introductory overview of DARIAH-EU.

Communication

Please note that the dariah-all mailing list is used for (1) information that is DARIAH-related or (2) information that is of high relevance for the DARIAH partner community. Emails that are sent via the mailing list need to be written in English.

DARIAH Partner News

DARIAH-BE: Ghent University, together with the universities of Antwerp and Leuven, have submitted a proposal to the Flemish government to establish DARIAH-Vlaanderen (DARIAH-VL). DARIAH-VL, which intends to operate as the Belgian node in DARIAH-EU, aims to establish a distributed digital research infrastructure across the arts and humanities for (1) the implementation of a digital research cycle in Flemish universities and for (2) exchanging and sustaining expertise in the field of Digital Humanities. The outcome of the proposal, which will be reviewed by a team of international experts, is expected towards the end of 2012. If successful, it is intended that DARIAH-BE will become a full member of DARIAH-EU from 2014.

DARIAH-DE: The second DARIAH-DE Consortium meeting took place at the University of Cologne on 5 - 6 March 2012. The current status of the e-Infrastructure was presented and the question how the national work packages can contribute to DARIAH-EU was discussed. Laurent Romary and Sally Chambers gave an update on the current developments in DARIAH-EU during the meeting.

DARIAH-DK: The Digital Humanities Laboratory, DIGHUMLAB, started its work in spring 2012. It will support digital humanities and social science research in Denmark and act as the unifying, virtual gateway to relevant digital and digitised resources for the humanities and social sciences. The project leader of DIGHUMLAB, Erik Champion, will co-lead VCC2 with Susan Schreibman.

DARIAH-HR: DARIAH-EU presented a poster at the RIDE 2012 exhibition that took place from 21st to 25th May 2012 in Opatja, Croatia. The RIDE (Research Infrastructure Dissemination Event) exhibition was a satellite event of [MIPRO 2012](#).

DARIAH-IE: A workshop about "Realising the Opportunities of Digital Humanities" is jointly organised by the Digital Repository of Ireland ([DRI](#)), the Digital Enterprise Research Institute ([DERI](#)), the Digital Humanities Observatory ([DHO](#)) and DARIAH-EU. It will take place from 23rd to 25th October 2012 in Dublin and Maynooth. It will be the first in a series of workshops targeting the industry-academic interface for identifying and realising the opportunities of the digital humanities.

DARIAH Affiliated projects

CENDARI (Collaborative European Digital/Archival Infrastructure)

The CENDARI Kick-off meeting took place in Brussels on 21-22 March 2012. CENDARI will provide and facilitate access to existing archives and resources in Europe for the study of medieval and modern European history through the development of an 'enquiry environment'. We will look forward to further news as the project progresses in the coming months.

DASISH (Data Service Infrastructure for the Social Sciences and Humanities):

DASISH's "Training and Education" work package requested DARIAH to answer questions about workshops that will be organised by DARIAH. DASISH aims to publish training programmes of all ESFRI projects on their [website](#).

DARIAH-related activities

Joint CLARIN-D/DARIAH workshop at DH 2012

DARIAH and CLARIN-D are organising a workshop on ["Service-oriented architectures \(SOAs\) for the Humanities: Solutions and Impacts"](#) at the DH2012 conference.

London Book Fair 2012

Tobias Blanke (DARIAH-Director and Senior Lecturer in the Centre of eResearch at King's College London) and Sheila Anderson (Director in the Centre of eResearch at King's College London) participated in a session on the ["The \(digital\) Future of Academic publishing? Digital Research Infrastructures for the Humanities: The DARIAH Project"](#) at the London Book Fair in April. Topics discussed included: What role does the digital humanities play in the relationship between publishers, creative industries and the humanities communities? What kind of new digital scholarly publication forms will we see in the next few years? Is the future 'Big Data' in the Humanities?

ICRI 2012

The International Conference on Research Infrastructures (ICRI 2012) took place on 21-23 March 2012 in Copenhagen, Denmark. During the poster session in the thematic area of the Social Sciences and Humanities, DARIAH-EU (Fabienne Lorenz, Sally Chambers) presented a poster entitled "DARIAH: enabling digital humanities and arts research, internationally".



Sally Chambers, DARIAH-EU
Photo: Dr. Lorna Ryan, ESS

EGI Community Forum 2012

DARIAH was invited to speak at the European Grid Infrastructure (EGI) Community Forum 2012, which took place on 26 – 30 March 2012 in Garching near Munich, Germany. Ye Cao (VCC1, Germany) gave a short presentation on DARIAH in the "ESFRI, cluster and related projects workshop".

DARIAH Preparatory Phase

Congratulations for the finalisation of the DARIAH Preparation Phase project which has been officially approved by the European Commission.

Feedback?

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