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Welcome to the fourth 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

- ESFRI Implementation Group meeting, 29 February 2012, Brussels
- [International Conference on Research Infrastructures, Copenhagen, 21-23 March 2012](#)
- DARIAH VCC All Hands meeting, The Hague, 2-3 April 2012
- [Digital Humanities 2012, Hamburg, 16-22 July 2012](#)

DARIAH-EU Coordination Office (DCO) update

Establishing the DARIAH-ERIC

Following the successful **DARIAH-ERIC Application Steering Committee meeting** on 6 October 2011 in Bonn, work to finalise the draft DARIAH-ERIC statutes, based on the recommendations of DARIAH partners and feedback from the European Commission, has been undertaken.

Jacques Dubucs (France) and Sally Chambers (DCO) were invited to give a presentation on DARIAH at the **ERIC Committee meeting** on 20 January at the European Commission in Brussels. The presentation was well received. The ERIC Committee will assist the European Commission in evaluating the DARIAH-ERIC application.

On 2 February 2012, the French Ministry of Higher Education evaluation of the DARIAH-ERIC documentation began. This evaluation is an important step for France in preparing to host the DARIAH-ERIC.

Following the results of this evaluation, the next steps are:

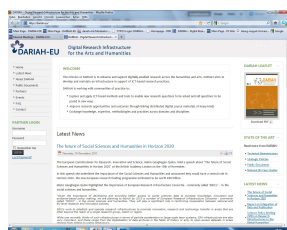
- Submission of DARIAH-ERIC application to the European Commission (Step 1)
- Verification of compliance of the DARIAH-ERIC application with the ERIC Regulation by the European Commission
- Receive letters of support from the Ministries of DARIAH Members to formally support the setting up the DARIAH-ERIC
- Signed request to set up the DARIAH-ERIC (Step 2) submitted to the European Commission
- DARIAH-ERIC is established.



Jacques Dubucs, Ministry of Higher Education and Research, France

The **Transitional Government**, who manage the DARIAH-EU transition phase, continued to meet in Autumn 2011. Establishing the DARIAH-ERIC was a core focus of their work. From 2012, this work will be managed in regular DARIAH-EU Coordination Office (DCO) meetings. The DCO, including the Board of Directors, will meet on a monthly basis by teleconference.

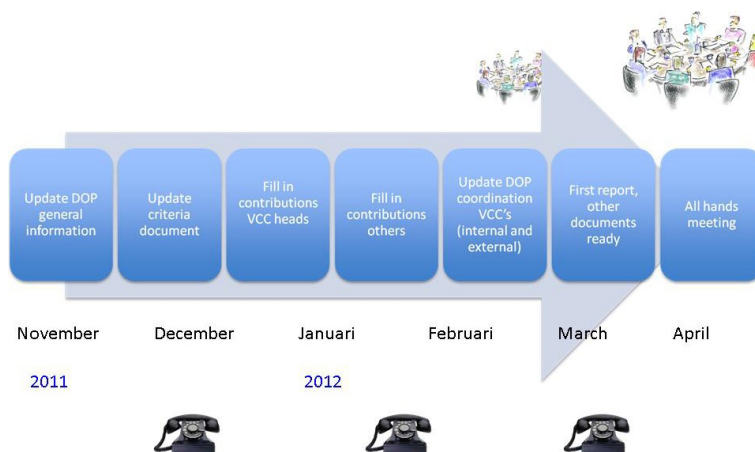
From 1 January 2012, Christiane Fritze, Joint Secretary General, left the **DARIAH-EU Coordination Office** to focus on her work leading DARIAH-DE. Sally Chambers has now extended her role of Secretary General to a full-time position. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Christiane for her work with DARIAH-EU.



Communications: The DARIAH-EU wiki is being migrated to a more user-friendly wiki environment. The transition website (<http://www.dariah.eu/>) has been rebranded to include the new DARIAH-EU logo and is being regularly updated. A new website will be launched when the DARIAH-ERIC is established.

Virtual Competency Centres (VCCs) update

The first VCC Heads meeting took place on 19 November 2011 following the SDH 2011 conference in Copenhagen. Henk Harmsen (DANS), Chief Integration Officer (CIO), moderated this meeting where the tasks that need to be done by VCC heads in the coming months were identified. Regular teleconferences with the VCC Heads take place to facilitate this process.



The VCC Heads are currently Karlheinz Moerth (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria) who will be joined shortly by a new colleague from the Max Planck Digital Library, Germany for VCC1, Susan Schreibman (Trinity College Dublin, Ireland) and Marianne Huang (Aarhus University, Denmark) for VCC2, Sophie David (TGE Adonis, France) and Henk Harmsen (DANS, Netherlands) for VCC3 and Heike Neuroth (SUB Göttingen, Germany) for VCC4.

We are very pleased to announce that the **DARIAH VCC All-hands meeting** will take place in The Hague, The Netherlands, on **2-3 April 2012**. Please, keep this date in your diary. This collaborative event will include a mixture of plenary and parallel sessions. Further information will be sent out from the **DARIAH-EU Coordination Office** in the coming weeks.

DARIAH Partner News

DARIAH-AT: Representatives of various institutions will meet to discuss European Research Infrastructures in the Humanities on the 21/22 February 2012 in Graz. This joint [DARIAH-AT/CLARIN-AT meeting](#) is organised by the Institut für Corpuslinguistik und Texttechnologie (ICLTT) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences in cooperation with the Zentrum für Informationsmodellierung (ZIM) of the University of Graz. The programme includes a presentation by Laurent Romary, DARIAH-EU Transitional Director.

DARIAH-DE: The second DARIAH-DE Consortium meeting will take place at the University of Cologne on 5 - 6 March 2012. The programme includes presentations on the wide-range of activities carried out within the DARIAH-DE Consortium and thematic discussions on topics such as research data. Laurent Romary and Sally Chambers will provide an update on the current developments in DARIAH-EU during the meeting.

DARIAH-DK: The Digital Humanities Laboratory, DIGHUMLAB, 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. It will start its work in spring 2012.

DARIAH-LT: Lithuania published its roadmap for research infrastructures. This roadmap is a long-term (10–15 years) planning instrument that lists research infrastructures of national importance, including DARIAH.

DARIAH-SI: Slovenia has started a joint national DARIAH project between the Institute of Contemporary History and the Slovenian Academy of Science and Arts.

DARIAH-related activities

CENDARI project planning meeting

Representatives of DARIAH participated in the first CENDARI project planning meeting that took place in Dublin, Ireland on 20 October. The objective of the meeting was to prepare the work package leaders for the start of the project in early 2012.

DARIAH/NeDiMah teleconference

Representatives of DARIAH and NeDiMah had a first teleconference on 29 November 2011 to discuss their collaboration.

DASISH kick-off meeting

The kick-off meeting for the EU project DASISH (Data Service Infrastructure for the Social Science and Humanities) took place at the Swedish National Data Service in Gothenburg on 17-19 January 2012. The project is financed under FP7 during 2012-2014 and brings together all 5 ESFRI research infrastructure initiatives in the social sciences and humanities represented by: CLARIN, DARIAH, CESSDA, ESS, SHARE. The goal is to determine areas of possible synergies in infrastructure development and to work on concrete joint activities.

EHRI meetings

A series of EHRI meetings took place in Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel on 16-18 January 2012. Besides working package and board meetings, the event included some plenary digital humanities lectures.

Supporting Digital Humanities 2011

The second DARIAH/[CLARIN](#) jointly organised conference, [SDH 2011](#) took place at the University in Copenhagen on 17/18 November 2011. Two major themes were focussed on:

- 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 text.

ESFRI Implementation Group

DARIAH has been invited to participate in the **ESFRI Implementation Group**. The aim of this group is to support the implementation of ESFRI Research Infrastructures by identifying best practices and proposing solutions to implementation bottlenecks. The first meeting of the group took place on 15 November 2011 in Brussels, with Christiane Fritze representing DARIAH. The next meeting of the group will take place on 29 February 2012, in Brussels.

Communication and Policy Development for Research Infrastructures in Europe (CoPoRI)

CoPoRI is an EU-funded project supporting the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI). The role of CoPoRI is to enhance ESFRI's communication activities, organise pan-European workshops on specific thematic issues, such as socio-economic impact of research infrastructures and to encourage and facilitate the sharing of best practices among research infrastructures on the ESFRI roadmap. Sally Chambers represented DARIAH at the CoPoRI Kick-Off meeting, which was held on 23-24 January 2012 in Bonn.

Feedback?

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