What’s new?

October was all about Data Citation and Data-Level Metrics. We launched a new service, launched a new campaign, and organized a workshop.

The service: DataCite Event Data. Would you like to show viewers information about events at your repository? DataCite and Crossref have been working on a shared infrastructure that stores information about ‘events’ that happen at repositories. We have only managed to define what an event is when another persistently identified item is updated to include information about it. So much remains to be done for data citations. And thanks to our recent work with Make the Edition Count, we have also included an item in a data repository is viewed or downloaded. All of these things make up the story behind Google Dataset Search and what you can do as a data repository to make your data discoverable!

The campaign: Data Citation, let’s do this! It’s not new but it’s time for a new push! We’re pushing the cutoff date to December 1 and reaching out individually to see what we can do to help. If you haven’t yet switched to DataCite, let us know and one of our experts hasn’t crossed your desk yet, get in touch, and we’ll be glad to speak with you about the importance of data citation.

Schema 2.x retirement. As of 1st January 2019, it will no longer be possible to register metadata using DataCite Metadata Schema versions 2.0, 2.1 or 2.2. Existing records using the 2.x schemas can still be used as they are, though we encourage you to take the time to test your new setup and see if everything it now enables you to do. If you’re currently using either scheme 2.1 or 2.2 in your workflow and you have questions or concerns about the transition, please reach out to us.

Test accounts. We frequently receive questions from our members and clients about our approach to testing. Some of you have accounts in our test systems and are using them to test the “demo” accounts introduced earlier this year, and all of you have access to the test prefix 10.5072 as part of your regular production environment. What’s the difference? Well, test accounts introduced this year are effectively the same thing as data sets that are not in production. However, there’s a likely the result of one of these events and is nothing to worry about. If you have questions or feedback about this or any other Feature, let us know at support@Datacite.org.

The workshop: at FORCE2018 we teamed up with Make Data Count, Scholix, and Crossref to discuss with data repositories and publishers how they can contribute and consume data metrics. The whole story and links to all the slides can be found in our blog post and our new postcard provides a summary of how to get started.

Tech update

MDS US Development. As we announced back in August, the MDS US is slated to be retired in November. There are still a few lingering issues around the MDS US migration to the AAA, so we’re pushing the cutoff date to December 1 and reaching out individually to see what we can do to help. If you haven’t yet switched to DataCite, let us know and one of our experts hasn’t crossed your desk yet, get in touch, and we’ll be glad to speak with you about the importance of data citation.

Save the date!

General Assembly - 1 April 2019, Philadelphia, USA

The most important date of all: we’re holding a General Assembly! Please join us in Philadelphia of April (prior to the next RDA plenary meeting) and help us shape the future of DataCite. If that’s not enough reason, we’ll also be celebrating our 10-year anniversary that day!

Webinar on Google Dataset Search - 28 November 2018, by Natasha Noy (Google)

Last month we told you about Google Dataset Search and received so many questions that we decided to organize a webinar so you can hear the story from the expert. Please join us on the 28th of November for a webinar by Natasha Noy, researcher at Google, who will tell you the story behind Google Dataset Search and what you can do as a data repository to make your data discoverable!

Welcome to new DataCite members

University of Utah, J. Willard Marriott Library
International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
University of Montana
American University
University of Maryland Libraries

Welcome to new staff

Question of the month

Every day we receive questions about DataCite services. Each month we will share one of our favorites.

One of my DOI records is showing a recent Last Updated date, but it hasn’t touched it since it was created more than a year ago. Is something happening with my metadata?

No, we never alter the metadata you submit for your DOI. However, there’s also metadata collected behind the scenes that relates to the creation and handling of the DOIs of themselves. These can be added as events, such as the DOI creation or state changes, or they can be system maintenance tasks, like when the DOI is registered with the handle service or the DOI is indexed for search. The latest Last Updated date reflects changes in some of these metadata as well, so the recent date you’re seeing is very likely the result of one of these events and is nothing to worry about. If you have questions or feedback about this or any other Feature, let us know at support@Datacite.org.