

# DataCite Newsletter

March 2021

## What's new?

- ◆ **Strategic visioning process.** As many of you know, during 2021, we will be working together on an inclusive Strategic Visioning process that focuses on investment in our core services and risk mitigation for our members. It is critical that we gather input from our membership to propel DataCite into our next phase with robust technical infrastructure and an engaged community.

There are three upcoming activities where we require your input:

1. **April 2, 2021:** Stakeholder Survey (10 mins) due before April 2, 2021 | [Survey link](#)
2. **April 29, 2021:** Business Meeting of the General Assembly | [Registration link](#)
3. **May 5, 2021:** Strategic Visioning Open Consultation | [Registration link](#) | During the session we will explore the trends from the survey feedback and facilitate a discussion to solidify our approach.

- ◆ **General Assembly Materials.** DataCite's Annual Business Meeting of the General Assembly will be hosted virtually on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 16:30 (CEST). DataCite members can register using [this link](#). The GA materials have been shared with our members and the Annual Report will be made available on the DataCite website.

- ◆ **Mailing list transition.** We are happy to announce that we are taking the [final steps](#) on our way to providing you with all the relevant information you need. We outlined this transition already last year, meaning to move away from our current mailing lists to mailing lists that will be based on member information available in DataCite Fabrica. We will retire the existing mailing lists on April 30 2021, so please update your contact details in DataCite Fabrica asap.

## Tech update

**Metadata schema release 4.4.** This month, we are pleased to announce the release of metadata schema 4.4. To support the new schema, DataCite is updating the services to enable users to create and update DOIs with the new metadata schema. The changes to the DataCite services to support metadata schema 4.4 are carried out in two phases to enable immediate access to non breaking changes. Phase 1, which was released this week, includes support for metadata schema 4.4 that does not require breaking or complicated changes to the REST API Version 2. Phase 2, which will be released later this year, will include support for the full metadata schema 4.4 via the REST API Version 3. You can find out more details about this release in our blog post [<link>](#).

**New contacts workflow.** Our new contacts workflow is now available for you to update contact information for your account. We have made 3 contacts (service, voting and billing) mandatory to allow us to capture vital information to contact our members. Please use the new contacts menu to add new contacts to your account. Once you've added the contacts, use the settings page to select contacts to assign roles to them. Please see [our blog post](#) on the contacts workflow for detailed information.

## Welcome to new Consortium Organizations

Following changes to the DataCite membership model last year DataCite now has 36 consortia that are providing DOI services to their communities. We are very pleased that in Q1 2021 we welcomed 28 new Consortium Organizations to the DataCite community!

### January

- Competence Center of Urban and Regional Planning - *Austria*
- DEPP: Direction de l'évaluation, de la prospective et de la performance - *French National Centre for Scientific Research*
- Direction des ressources et de l'information scientifique - *French National Centre for Scientific Research*
- SFA : Société Française d'Acoustique - *French National Centre for Scientific Research*
- FH Südwestfalen - *Hochschulbibliothekszenrum des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen*
- Finnish Environment Institute - *CSC - IT Center for Science*
- Hertie School gGmbH - *TIB DOI Konsortium*
- National University of Ireland, Maynooth - *University College Dublin*

### February

- Hochschule Aalen - *TIB DOI Konsortium*
- Landesamt für Bergbau, Energie und Geologie (LBEG) - *TIB DOI Konsortium*
- Wuppertal Institute - *TIB DOI Konsortium*
- Kenyon College Library - *LYRISIS DataCite US Community*
- Rockefeller University - *LYRISIS DataCite US Community*
- University of Tampa - *LYRISIS DataCite US Community*
- Living Lakes Canada - *DataCite Canada Consortium*
- Lowitja Institute - *Australian Research Data Commons*
- Université Rennes 2 - *French National Centre for Scientific Research*
- Living Goods - *The Global Dataverse Community Consortium*
- Zurich University of the Arts - *ETH Zurich*
- Radiotekhnika - *Peter the Great Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic University*
- IPR Media - *Peter the Great Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic University*

### March

- Swansea University - *British Library*
- Robert Gordon University - *British Library*
- University of Coimbra - *FCT | FCCN*
- Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien (IWM) - *TIB DOI Konsortium*
- Hochschule Kaiserslautern - *TIB DOI Konsortium*
- Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University - *Peter the Great Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic University*
- Instytut Badawczy Leśnictwa - *Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center*
- Parafia Ewangelicko-Augsburska w Gdańsku - *Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center*
- IsoArch database - *French National Centre for Scientific Research*
- University of Paris-Saclay - *French National Centre for Scientific Research*

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## Question of the month

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

**Why can't I create a new repository?**

It is mandatory to include the required contacts in your organization's Fabrica account. If you are logged in with a Member, Consortium or Consortium Organization account and you see the following message:

"New repositories can't be created because you have not provided the required billing, service and voting contacts for your organization. Please [add at least one contact](#)".

This means you need to add the required contact information. This is done in two steps 1.) creating contacts in the "Contacts" tab, and then 2.) assigning a role in the "Settings" tab. Detailed information about how to [create and manage contacts in Fabrica](#) can be found on the support site.

