

# DataCite Newsletter

October 2018

## 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 views, downloads, and citations for the datasets in your repository? DataCite and Crossref have been working on a shared infrastructure that stores information about “events” that happen to DOIs outside of their own metadata. An example of an event is when another persistently identified item is updated to include a relation to the DOI in question, such as can happen for data citations. And thanks to our recent work with Make Data Count, this can also include when an item in a data repository is viewed or downloaded. All of these things make up the various “events” that happen in the lifetime of a DOI and are now being made available through Event Data. Our [blog post](#) tells the whole story!
- ◆ **The campaign:** Data Citation, let's do this! It's not new but it's here and it's here to stay. Together with Crossref we launched a campaign this month to tell the whole world about data citation and more importantly, how they can do data citation. Read our first blog post [here](#)
- ◆ **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 you can start contributing your data citations today. We had some great discussions and would like to thank all members who attended & contributed!

## Tech update

- ◆ **MDS UI Retirement.** As we announced back in August, the MDS UI is slated to be retired in November. There are still a few members who haven't yet made the switch to Fabrica, 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 Fabrica and one of our emails hasn't crossed your desk, get in touch, and we'll be glad to speak with you about the transition.
- ◆ **Schema 2.x retirement.** As of 1 January 2019, it will no longer be possible to register metadata using DataCite Metadata Schema versions 2.1 or 2.2. Existing records using the 2.x schemas can stay as they are, though we'd encourage you to take a look at the latest version of the [schema](#) to see everything it now enables you to do. If you're currently using either schema 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 system, some of you have 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 account. What's the difference? Which one are you supposed to use for what? To streamline this, we're now introducing one simple way of testing. In this [blog post](#), product manager Robin Dasler explains our new approach.
- ◆ **DOI Search in Fabrica.** We've been working on improving the DOI searching capabilities within DataCite DOI Fabrica, which is a part of our larger service migration to Elasticsearch. Several of you will recall helping us test out the new DOI search capabilities over the summer, and you may be wondering what's taking so long. Our original plan was to upgrade each of our services to Elasticsearch piecemeal, starting with the DOI search in Fabrica. While working on this we've decided that it would be better to instead do a combined Elasticsearch rollout across three of our services, letting us iron out some wrinkles they all share along the way. This means you'll have faster-indexed DOI records (15 minutes instead of up to 12 hours after DOI registration) across DataCite Search and the REST API, as well as the DOI search in Fabrica, all before the end of 2018. We know many of you were very excited about the improved DOI search in Fabrica, so we kindly ask for your patience. We hope you'll be even more excited about faster, better searches across the board.

## 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 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April (prior to the next RDA plenary meeting) and help us shape the future of DataCite. If that isn't reason enough, we'll also be celebrating our 10-year anniversary that day!

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

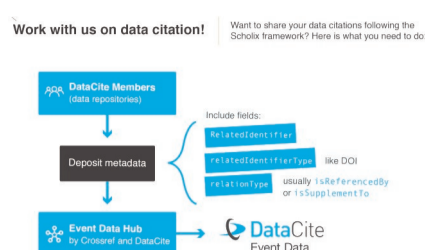
Last month we told you about Google Dataset Search and received so many questions that we decided to organize a webinar so you can hear the story from the expert. Please join us on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November for a [webinar](#) by Natasha Noy, research scientist at Google, who will tell you the story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

## Welcome to new staff

To ensure we provide excellent support to all our members we hired a Member Support Manager and she started working for DataCite this month! On the 29<sup>th</sup> of October, Mary Hirsch joined our team. From now on she'll be the person behind [support@datacite.org](#) so feel free to drop her a line and say hi, or just send her any questions she can help you with!

## Welcome to new DataCite members

- [University of Utah, J. Willard Marriott Library](#)
- [International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development](#)
- [National Institute of Standards and Technology](#)
- [American University](#)
- [University of Maryland Libraries](#)



## 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 I haven't touched it since I created it months 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 themselves. These can be user-triggered events, like DOI creation or state changes, or they can be system maintenance tasks, like when the DOI is registered with the handle server or the DOI is indexed for search. The Last Updated date reflects changes to any of this 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 Fabrica feature, let us

know at [support@datacite.org](#).

Questions or feedback? Contact us at [support@datacite.org](#)!

You are receiving this email because you are on the DataCite allmembers or allusers list.

Should you no longer wish to receive these newsletters, please unsubscribe from the DataCite mailing list.

