

DataCite Newsletter

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What was new in 2018?

In this last newsletter of the year, we take a look back at what we achieved in 2018 and a look forward to our future plans for 2019. We hear from Trisha Cruse, DataCite's Executive Director and John Chodacki, Chair of the DataCite Board as they reflect on DataCite's progress. As you can see in the photo, there was plenty of cause to celebrate all the progress we've made together with our members! This edition also includes a product update with sneak peek at plans for 2019 and a comms overview announcing our 10-year anniversary celebrations planned for the coming year!



From the Executive Director

On behalf of DataCite's staff, I'd like to express our sincere gratitude for the continued support of our members during our first nine years, as well as your ongoing support as we look ahead to our tenth anniversary and beyond. DataCite has experienced significant growth over the years because of our members, particularly in our capacity to serve more organizations, which furthers our data-sharing mission. In 2018 we welcomed 68 new members to the DataCite community -- once again we have extended our reach to new communities and disciplines. Each organization brings a unique focus and shared dedication to making DataCite what it is today. Thank you all!

This past year we added three new staff members to the DataCite team -- Helena Cousijn, Director of Community Engagement and Communications, Robin Dasler, Product Manager, and Mary Hirsch, Support Manager -- together these positions illustrate our commitment to ensuring our members receive first-rate service. Our technical team, under the guidance of Martin Fenner, Technical Director, with Kristian Garza and Richard Hallett, Application Developers, have continued to work on building the best services possible for the DataCite community.

DataCite's Executive Board have continued to provide ideas, knowledge, and leadership to help make DataCite a first-rate organization. Join me in thanking the Board for their many contributions.

As we move forward together, I'd like to thank all our DataCite members for remaining connected and engaged in our activities and share my excitement for what's to come as we continue to grow our organization, services, and staff to support the research community.

From the Board

DataCite has made great strides in 2018 towards fulfilling our goal to help the research community locate, identify, and cite research data with confidence. We have been able to accomplish so much by juggling new projects, existing services, and on-boarding new members into our community.

2018 has truly been a balancing act. I speak on behalf of all board members when I express appreciation to the staff and the entire membership for your support and patience during the year. As we move into DataCite's 10th year, we are excited by the opportunities.

Our collective success comes from our collective action. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the governance of DataCite, please consider [nominating yourself for this year's board elections](#) or joining one of our steering committees.

Product overview

2018 was a year of many changes at DataCite, which led to exciting progress in product development. Early in 2018 we launched [DOI Fabrica](#), our new DOI creation platform. Later in the year we took some first steps toward consolidating our suite of APIs and began a migration of our services from Solr to Elasticsearch. We also launched [DataCite Event Data](#), making data usage statistics and data citations available to the community. Our test accounts also got an overhaul, and despite a rocky start, we think we're on track to make testing something much simpler and more painless.

Looking ahead to 2019, we'll be centering our work around three broad themes: Simplification, making Fabrica awesomer, and building out the PID Graph. For simplification, we want to make improvements that will allow our services to be simple for you to use and simple for us to maintain. To make your DOI creation experience better, we'll be adding new features and improvements to Fabrica. And we'll be providing access to more robust information on your DOIs' connections thanks to the PID Graph and our various grant-funded partnerships.

To get all the details, check out our [2019 preview blog post](#).

Looking forward: DataCite's 10-year anniversary

We're very excited about 2019, because 2019 is the year of the DataCite 10-year anniversary! We've come a long way in those 10 years and want to celebrate that with all of you. So what can you expect? First, as we already announced, we're holding our General Assembly in Philadelphia on April 1st, and our 10-year anniversary celebration will take place that same day!

We also want to tell you the fascinating story of how DataCite started 10 years ago and have asked the people who were there to share that story with us, so keep an eye out for guest blog posts! Throughout the year we'll also be sharing with you how our products developed over the years and how they're currently being used.

We don't just want to look back, we also want to take this opportunity to talk to you about the next ten years. During f2f meetings, through social media, and during our Open Hours we'll be asking your input on where you'd like to see DataCite go in the next 10 years and what we can do to help you achieve your goals.

Our very best wishes for 2019 and we look forward to another great year!

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