

DataCite Newsletter

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What's new?

- ◆ **ROR: the Research Organization Registry.** Last week DataCite, Crossref, CDL, and Digital Science launched [ROR](#), a community-led initiative to develop an open, sustainable, usable, and unique identifier for every research organization in the world. At the first stakeholder meeting and during PIDapalooza, amidst lion masks, matching games and lots of roaring, people had a chance to try out this new registry and find their organization's identifier. Interested? Try it yourself at ror.org/search
- ◆ **PIDapalooza 2019 & PID Forum.** The whole DataCite team traveled to Dublin to attend [PIDapalooza](#), the world's only open identifier festival. We'd like to thank everyone for the great PID conversations and good news: there is now a place for these conversations to continue. [Project FREYA](#) launched the [PID Forum](#), a global discussion platform for all things PID related. Register now and share your ideas and questions with the PID community!
- ◆ **The chance to join our board.** Do you want to shape the future of DataCite? Board elections will take place at the next General Assembly (April 1, Philadelphia) so we invite all representatives from member organizations [to nominate themselves](#). Interested in DataCite's governance but not sure yet? Feel free to reach out to any staff or board member and we'll be happy to talk to you about the different ways to get involved.



Question of the month

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

Should I update URLs from http to https ?

DOIs should always point directly to the landing page.

Even if your http URLs automatically redirect to https we recommend linking directly to the https version.

This allows faster lookups for DOIs; additionally, referrer information is lost when a redirect occurs from http to https.

Tech updates

- ◆ **Link checker.** Last month we rolled out our new link checker service. Our custom-built crawler attempts to follow the URL from the metadata of one DOI per DataCite Client per day and provides information on whether it was successful and what it found on the other side. It checks for whether the page resolves, how many redirects it went through, and whether there was a landing page that follows recommended best practices. We've introduced link checker as a Members-only service. Members can see the results of the link checker in Fabrica on the record page for the DOI that was checked, as well as in our REST API. It's currently working its way through all 14 million DOIs, so you may not have results for every one of your DOIs just yet, but we hope you'll take a look and send us your feedback.
- ◆ **Search improvements.** As part of our migration to Elasticsearch, we've made big improvements to searching in both DataCite Search and DOI Fabrica. Most importantly, your newly registered DOIs will now show up in DataCite search services in 15 minutes instead of in up to 12 hours. Until now, the only way to search in Fabrica was by DOI, but now the full search functionality (including facets) you know from DataCite Search is also available in Fabrica. We've even made it easier to retrieve a large number of results via the API. You can read full details [here](#). Happy searching!

Save the date!

Member meeting and General Assembly - April 1, 2019, Philadelphia, USA

The most important date of the year: April 1! We hope you received our invitation for the member meeting and General Assembly in Philadelphia. We have some exciting topics and speakers lined up, so don't miss it! [Registration is now open](#).

Make Data Count workshop - April 1, 2019, Philadelphia, USA

Want to start counting and displaying data usage stats and citations for your repository? Join us on April 1 at 10 am (before the General Assembly) for a Make Data Count workshop! More information will follow soon; in the meantime, keep an eye on the RDA 13th plenary meeting program where this will be included as a collocated event.

Csv.conf - May 8-9, 2019, Portland, USA

[Csv.conf](#) is a non-profit community conference run by folks who really love data and sharing knowledge. If you are as passionate about data and its application to society as we are, then this is the conference for you. Talks can be submitted until February 9, so don't hesitate and share your data stories.

Welcome to new DataCite members

- [City of Austin](#)
- [Johns Hopkins University](#)
- [INTERVALS \(Philip Morris International\)](#)
- [University of Minnesota](#)
- [Global Biodiversity Information Facility](#)
- [Rutgers University Libraries](#)
- [University of Cincinnati Libraries](#)
- [Pennsylvania State University — University Libraries](#)
- [National Snow and Ice Data Center](#)
- [Columbia University](#)

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