

DataCite Newsletter

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What's new?

- ◆ **Trisha Cruse announces retirement.** After 10 years with DataCite (as board member and as Executive Director since 2015), DataCite ED Trisha Cruse announced this month that she is planning to retire later this year. In this [blog post](#), DataCite Board President John Chodacki talks about Trisha's many achievements. She will be missed by board, staff, and members!
- ◆ **The search for a new Executive Director.** In the coming week, DataCite will start the search for a new Executive Director. The job description is already available on [our website](#). If you have any questions about the position or process, you can contact board president John Chodacki (board.president@datacite.org). The applications will begin being considered on July 1, 2019.
- ◆ **The member form.** Effective communication with our members is really important to us. You told us in last year's survey that important information doesn't always reach you, so we've created a new form in Fabrica where you can update all your information. Going forward, this will be the one source of truth. You can find more information on how to update your information in this [blog post](#).



Question of the month

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

What does the "findable" state mean in the test environment?

The DataCite test and production environments are completely separate. The test environment works like a sandbox and nothing you do there will ever go live in production. Test DOIs are never registered with the global handle server. Instead, findable DOIs in the test environment are registered in our sandbox handle system, which allows us to mirror the production environment.

Need a test account?
Contact
support@datacite.org!

Tech update

- ◆ **GraphQL API.** This month we introduced our GraphQL API as a [pre-release](#). It isn't yet stable, and it will continue to change as we work on it, but early adopters can try it out now and let us know what you think in the [PID Graph section](#) of the PID Forum. This won't replace any of our other APIs, but compared to those APIs GraphQL is a more convenient way to consume just the information you want about the PID Graph. We've also started a repo where you can [use Jupyter notebooks](#) to play with the GraphQL API, making this API a great demonstrator for PID Graph possibilities.
- ◆ **Roadmap.** We've given our roadmap an [overhaul](#). Our previous roadmap was great for tracking work, but not as great for feedback. Our new roadmap lets you upvote idea cards and leave us comments about how important the proposed features are to you. Give it a try at <https://datacite.org/roadmap.html>.
- ◆ **Test prefix.** A reminder that the test prefix 10.5072 is retiring as of June 1. We want to create a hard line between things you do in our systems that are real and lasting and things you do in our systems that are not. All members and clients are encouraged to do as much testing as they like within their test account, but the production account will now be reserved solely for DOIs that you intend to be real.

Save the date!

Member drinks - June 10, 2019, Hamburg, Germany

On June 10 the DataCite team will meet in Hamburg for Open Repositories 2019. We would like to invite all members attending OR2019 to join us for member drinks on Monday evening from 7pm onward. Member drinks will take place at the [Turm bar](#), close to the conference venue. We hope to see you there!

PID Graph webinar - June 24, 2019, webinar

As you may have seen on our blog, we've been doing a lot of work on the PID graph recently. [Join us](#) for a 1-h webinar on June 24 to ask us all your questions and add additional use cases so we can make the PID Graph even better!

Welcome to new DataCite members

- [Group on Earth Observations](#)
- [Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München \(LMU\)](#)
- [University Library System, University of Pittsburgh](#)

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