

# DataCite Newsletter

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## What's new?

- ◆ **We're looking for an application developer.** Would you like to develop full-stack product features in an open source software environment, including user-facing front-end services? Then you might be the developer we're looking for! You can find more information on [our blog](#).
- ◆ **DataCite's Product Engineering team.** Last month we announced that Sarala (previously Head of Infrastructure Services) will be stepping into the role of Product Engineering Director. This month Sarala shares her plans for the team on [our blog](#), including Kristian Garza transitioning into the role of product designer!
- ◆ **The first registered Service Providers.** In July we launched our new Service Providers program and we are happy to share with you that during the first month we registered [four Service Providers](#)! If you are working with a Service Provider that is not yet on the list, please let us know.

## Tech update

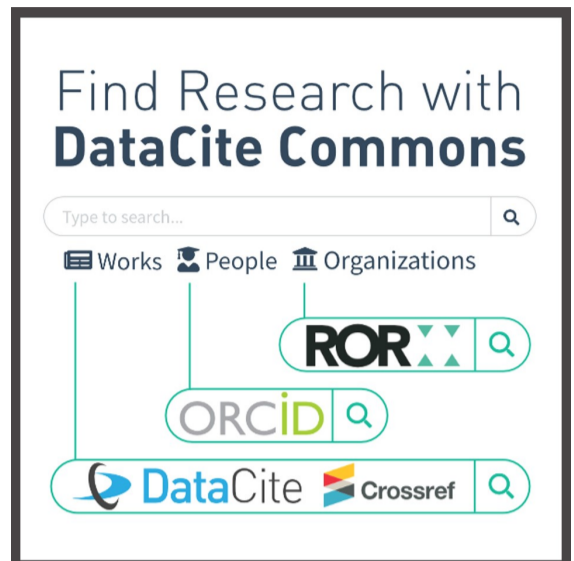
**DataCite Commons.** As part of our work on the [FREYA project](#), we released an important new service: [DataCite Commons](#). DataCite Commons is a discovery service that enables simple searches while giving users a comprehensive overview of connections between entities in the research landscape. You can read more on [our blog](#).

**Test system.** To improve the member experience, we now have a dedicated test system for existing members and potential members to explore features without registering real DOIs. You can still find the test system at <https://doi.test.datacite.org/>, but the difference is that it is no longer used by the DataCite development team and will therefore always correspond to what you see in production. If you need a test account, you can contact [support@datacite.org](mailto:support@datacite.org).

## Save the date!

PIDapalooza is going online in 2021! We wish we could all be together in person for the fifth festival of persistent identifiers, but we're excited to bring the world's largest virtual PID party directly to your desk, your couch, your balcony—really, anywhere there's a strong WiFi signal.

All we can tell you today is that the party starts on January 27 at 14:30 UTC ([see the time in your location here](#)) and that more information will follow on our blog!



## Question of the month

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

Can I add ORCID IDs to the DataCite metadata?

ORCID IDs can be added to the DataCite metadata to create a link between the DOI record and the ORCID record. Unlike other related identifiers, the ORCID is added to either the “creator” or the “contributor” fields.

When an ORCID is added to the “creator” field, the DOI record can be automatically linked to the ORCID profile of the author via the ORCID auto-update service as long as the author has given DataCite permission. The dashboard of the newly released DataCite Commons shows all DOIs linked to a person e.g: <https://commons.datacite.org/orcid.org/0000-0003-1419-2405>.

More information:

<https://support.datacite.org/docs/field-descriptions-for-form#creators>  
<https://support.datacite.org/docs/field-descriptions-for-form#contributors>  
<https://support.datacite.org/docs/how-to-activate-orcid-auto-update>.

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