

DataCite Newsletter

December 2019

What was new in 2019?

Too much for one newsletter! But we'll try. 2019 was the year of DataCite's [10 year anniversary](#) which we [celebrated with many of you](#) in Philadelphia last April. With the [retirement of Trisha Cruse](#), 2019 brought us a [new Executive Director, Matt Buys](#). We also added a [Head of Infrastructure Services](#) to our team. In terms of new initiatives, we were involved in the [launch of ROR](#), a new identifier for Research Organizations, the [launch of the PID Forum](#), a discussion platform for everything PID, and started a new collaboration with [FAIRsharing](#) to work on [repository criteria](#). We also continued some of our valued existing initiatives such as [PIDapalooza](#).



Members remained our priority and we learned a lot from the results of the [first DataCite member survey](#). [Open Hours](#) gave us a chance to check in with you every month so we know whether we're developing the right things. 2019 also saw some [updates to the member model](#) which we'll continue to work on with you at the [member meetings](#) that have been scheduled for 2020. We are very excited that new consortia are being formed, with [the first new consortium](#) launching on January 1st!

Tech Updates 2019

2019 was a busy year for releases, too. We made several under the hood improvements, the most significant of which was our move from [Solr to Elasticsearch](#), which made it faster to index DOIs after creation and made searching in Fabrica faster. After the release of our [OAI-PMH updates](#) in November, we were able to completely retire Solr in December. In June, we [retired the former test prefix](#), wrapping up the changes we'd made to the test environment the year before. We [updated our content negotiation service](#) in July, allowing us to retire custom content types at the end of 2019. We also released new API functionality, adding a [metadata provenance API endpoint](#) to our REST API in the spring and launching a completely new [GraphQL API](#) as a pre-release. Fabrica saw a few updates as well. We [added more fields](#) to help you enter more detailed information for Creators, Titles, and Descriptions, and late this fall we [updated the terminology](#) to reflect changes to our membership model, swapping out "Clients" for "Repositories". We started the transition of our user accounts to personal accounts, and launched [authentication via the Globus service](#) in October. We started down the path to providing more information about the connections between your DOIs by [adding usage stats to the public DataCite Search interface](#). We also made improvements to how we interact with you, [introducing a new roadmap](#) with upvoting capabilities and [updating the member settings form](#) to collect more targeted information about who in your organization needs to be kept in the loop. And finally, our DataCite Metadata Schema saw two minor version updates ([4.2](#) and [4.3](#)), adding some needed properties to support ROR IDs, and paving the way for a major version change in the latter part of 2020.

Where will you see us in 2020?

- [PIDapalooza 2020](#). January 29-30, 2020, Lisbon, Portugal
- [IDCC](#). February, 17-20, 2020, Dublin, Ireland
- [RDA plenary 15](#). March 18-20, 2020, Melbourne, Australia
- [Open repositories](#). June 1-4, 2020, Stellenbosch, South Africa
- [FORCE2020](#). October 19-21, 2020, San Sebastian, Spain

Welcome to new DataCite members

- [London Business School](#)
- [Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique et Technique \(CNRS\)](#)
- [Deutsches Archäologisches Institut](#)
- [Open Society Institute](#)
- [University of Vienna](#)

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