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DuraSpace Membership Newsletter
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Dear Friends,

As the winter holidays approach DuraSpace staff, partners and collaborators have been on the road sharing news, community accomplishments, information, and technical developments. We are pleased to report the successful conclusion of the 2017 Membership Campaign.

Our Annual DuraSpace Member Summit will be held April 10 & 11, 2018 prior to the CNI Spring Member Meeting at the Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter in San Diego, California. Invitations and information will be sent in January. Save the dates! I look forward to seeing you!

Recently current and past DuraSpace CEOs (Left to right Debra Hanken Kurtz, Michele Kimpton, and Sandy Payette) met at the CNI fall meeting in Washington, DC.

The 2017 DuraSpace Membership Campaign closed at the end of October. By joining DuraSpace this year 163 members are now connected with the DSpace, Fedora, and VIVO projects they depend on. DuraSpace members become open source project part-owners who actively help advance project goals by participating in project governance and software planning and development. Thank you to all our members for believing, as we do, in working together to strengthen the open scholarly ecosystem in order to provide enduring access to the world's digital heritage.

While our open source projects proudly provide these applications for free for anyone to use, DuraSpace relies on membership fees to pay for staff who provide technical leadership, strategic planning, financial and business services, and communications, outreach and marketing.

Please join me and the DuraSpace staff in wishing our entire community a joyous holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous new year!

Our thanks and appreciation to you, our members, for your continued support.

DuraSpace has been honored to partner with the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and Stanford University and to extend the existing Samvera (formerly Hydra) project codebase and its vibrant and growing community to build, bundle, and promote a feature-rich, robust, flexible digital repository that is easy to install, configure, and maintain is work hss been made possible with generous support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. As the 30 month grant period comes to a close we are pleased to share the fulfillment of project goals which included working toward offering a cloud-based, hosted version of the application to lower the barrier of entry and expand the number and diversity of institutions capable of leveraging the powerful Hyku digital repository platform (Read more here)

The digital preservation landscape is comprised of a multitude of institutional choices that vary widely in terms of purpose, scale, cost, and complexity. Over the past year a group of collaborating organizations united in their commitment to digital preservation came together to explore how to better communicate with each other and assist members of the wider community as they negotiate this complicated landscape.

The group drafted a Digital Preservation Declaration of Shared Values that is now being released for community comment. The document is available **here** and the comment period will be open until March 1, 2018. In addition, we welcome suggestions from the community for next steps that would be beneficial as we continue our work together. I encourage your comments, suggestions and observations which may be communicated to the group at comdigpres@googlegroups.com. We also welcome volunteer efforts to translate this declaration into additional languages.

Just a reminder that proposals for OR2018 are due on Jan 5, 2018. The 13th International Conference on Open Repositories, OR2018, will be held on June 4th-7th, 2018 in Bozeman, Montana, USA. Submit proposals in all categories around the theme of Sustaining Open by January 5, 2018. Details here: http://www.or2018.net/call-for-papers/
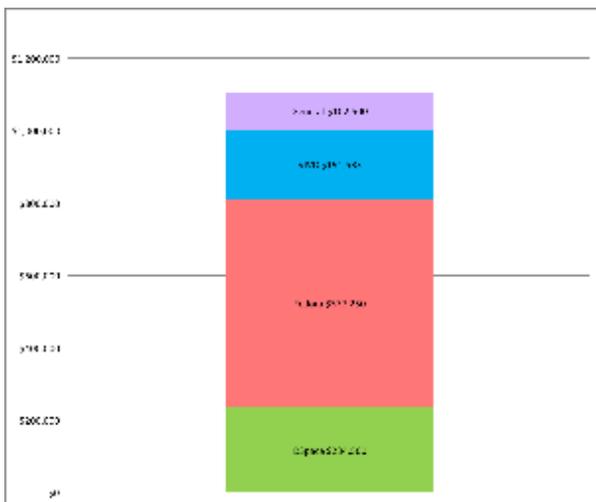
We look forward to seeing you at upcoming conferences and meetings (see "Where We'll Be" below).

Warm regards,

Debra Hanken Kurtz

CEO

2017 Membership Update

Many thanks to all our members who renewed their membership for 2017 and to those who have joined DuraSpace for the first time as new members. In all 163 members contributed $1,105,833 and partnered with DuraSpace in the vital effort to provide technical leadership, sustainability planning, fundraising, community development, marketing and communications, collaborations and strategic partnerships and administration to the DSpace, Fedora and VIVO projects.

SERVICES

We are pleased to welcome new DuraCloud customers SUNY Maritime College, Dominican Sisters of Hope, and LYRASIS. We also welcome new DSpaceDirect customers Keene State College and National University Hospital Singapore.

ArchivesDirect, DSpaceDirect, and DuraCloud services from DuraSpace are built on solid open source software platforms and require very little effort to start up. DuraSpace staff experts work directly with service customers to provide personalized on-boarding processes and superb customer support. Our services can provide open access to institutional resources, preservation of treasured collections, and simplified data management tools. Contact Heather Greer Klein, Services Coordinator, hklein@duraspace.org to learn more about any of the web services DuraSpace offers.

Call for Participation: Migration/ Upgrade Stories

DuraSpace is collecting anecdotes from people who have undertaken a migration or a major upgrade in the recent past. We hope to collect stories about how the project went, what resources were used or developed during the process, and whether it turned into an opportunity to update skills, re-engage stakeholders, normalize data, re-envision the service, etc.

The data will be used by in presentations, blog posts, or other communications that could encourage community members to plan for migrations and major upgrades with an eye toward their benefits.

The data collection will be done through mediated surveys (interview-style) with Erin Tripp in person, on the phone, or via Skype. If you prefer, you can also fill out the survey online by yourself. Please express your interest in participating by emailing Erin Tripp at etripp@duraspace.org.

Save the dates for VIVO 2018

Now in its 9th year, the annual VIVO Conference attracts a mix of developers, thought leaders, and others who are interested in solving problems around using scholarly data.

On June 6-8, 2018 Duke University will host the 9th Annual VIVO Conference at the gorgeous JB Duke Hotel. This year's early June dates take advantage of North Carolina's mild, warm weather–plan a weekend at the beach which is only two hours away!

Report: DSpace North American User Group Meeting

On Aug 22-23, 2017 the Georgetown University Library hosted a DSpace North American User Meeting in Washington. The idea was to offer the DSpace Community the opportunity to share ideas, best practices and use cases at a Regional level (in this specific case, the US Region) and, at the same time, to present the vision and roadmap for the new DSpace 7 UI project. There were 39 attendees from 22 different institutions at the meeting and the discussion was vibrant and engaging. Detailed information about the meeting, the slides presented, and the content shared are publicly available at: https://github.com/terrywbrady/dspaceUserMeeting/blob/master/README.md

Save the Date for Open Repositories 2019–Call for Expressions of Interest in Hosting the Annual Open Repositories Conference in 2020

The Open Repositories Steering Committee in conjunction with Universität Hamburg is very pleased to announce that the 14th Open Repositories Conference will be held in Hamburg, Germany from 10-13 June 2019 at Universität Hamburg.

The annual Open Repositories Conference is a practitioner based conference that brings together people from higher education, government, libraries, archives and museums to focus on repository infrastructure, tools, services, and policies. The Conference provides a forum for delegates from around the world to explore the challenges and opportunities that arise at the interface of technology and scholarly publishing and practice.

Candidate institutions must have the ability to host at least a four-day conference with up to 500 attendees (OR2016 held in Dublin, Ireland drew about 500 people and OR2017 held in Brisbane, Australia drew around 330). This includes appropriate access to conference facilities, lodging, and transportation, as well as the ability to manage a range of supporting services (food services, internet services, and conference social events; conference web site; management of registration and online payments; etc.). The candidate institutions and their local arrangements committee must have the means to support the costs of producing the conference through attendee registration and independent fundraising. Fuller guidance is provided in the Open Repositories Conference Handbook on the Open Repositories wiki.

Contact information: http://or2019.net

CALL for Papers for the 14th International Conference on Research Information Systems, CRIS2018

From June 13-16th 2018 euroCRIS will hold its 14th International Conference on Research Information Systems, called CRIS2018. The conference will take place in Umea Sweden, and will be organised in co-operation with Umea University. The theme of the conference is 'FAIRness of Research Information".

Herewith we send you the link to the Call for Papers (http://www.cris2018.se/cfp/) and guidelines for submission (https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=cris2018) for this conference. The organizers are especially interested to learn about views and ideas from our neighbouring organisations and communities and to see and explore where there might be opportunities for synergy and co-operation to promote and improve collaboration within the broad research information community.

PARTICIPATE in Global Survey on Research Information Management Practices

euroCRIS, a Strategic Partner of DuraSpace, in collaboration with OCLC Research, recently announced a jointly-developed Survey on Research Information Management Practices, which offers research institutions worldwide the opportunity to share information about their practices.

We kindly invite your institution to participate in this international initiative and to share information about your projects and experience.

Broadly defined, research information management (RIM), also commonly known as CRIS (Current Research Information Systems), is the aggregation, curation, and utilization of information about institutional research activities. RIM adoption and practices vary broadly by region and nation, and may include activities such as the collection of an institutional registry of research outputs and impact, faculty activity reporting workflows, and publicly available researcher profiles.

This research is a significant effort to collect and compare RIM practices worldwide, and the data generated will help better understand regional drivers and practices.

Survey findings and data will be published CC-BY in 2018.

How to participate?

- Please complete the survey. A PDF copy is available for your advance review.
- A Spanish language version is available thanks to partners at CONCYTEC.
- The survey will close on January 31st, 2018

WHERE WE'LL BE THIS SPRING (Please update)

Supporting FAIR Data Principles with Fedora, IDCC Barcelona, Feb. 19, David Wilcox

DuraSpace Summit, April 10-11, SanDiego, CA, Debra Hanken Kurtz, staff members