June 27, international outreach

Regular Attendees

- Carol
- Debra
- Val

General

- Call In To: https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/fedora-commons.org/all-staff
- - Indicates who will be taking minutes

Discussion Topics

1	Announcements/catch-up - Bi-weekly meeting to work on 2-pronged international outreach: general and consortial outreach for membership	

2	General international outreach
	
	- data gathering
	  - work with interested RSPs to develop European contacts
	  - RSP letter
	  - begin list development: current contacts so far
	- outreach initiative/campaign planning
		Carol

3	Consortial international outreach - planning	Val

Minutes

Announcements/catch-up

- Next meeting Monday July 11

General international outreach

- Does this two-pronged approach (general, consortial) make sense? Yes
  - An alternative would be to look country by country instead of by language
  - Some countries that are exclusively using our technologies would be reached through consortial approach
  - Approach looks like a good start
  - ZoHo, Kristi to do list research
  - Carol to reach out to RSPs via email

DSpace meeting at OR notes

- China developments; they have developed their own flavor of DSpace forked code, looking for ways to bring them back into the community
- Ad Hoc DSpace meeting notes, July 16 at OR (David Lewis)

Another approach to membership working with RSPs

- Could atmire customers get together and pay a small amount/
- Would an additional European-focused level of membership undercut similar kinds of consortial members in NA?
- Ask/talk to RSP's about the elephant in the room: exchange of contact information and advocacy on our behalf for ??

Consortial international outreach

Pick the best 3 consortia and design an approach

- Obtain in-depth information from those who have it
- Each approach to each consortia will be unique; no pattern
- See whats going on in the country and with repositories; where does the funding come from etc.
- No initial membership chatter
- Research fact finding task 1
- Meeting between Debra and president of the group task 2
  - Bibsys Library System, http://www.bibsys.no/bibsys-library-system/ "The Library System is used by more than 100 Norwegian Libraries in higher education and research" DSpace users
  - DuocUC, http://www.duoc.cl/international-affairs, Chile
  - Red Clara, http://www.redclara.net/, Columbia
  - Ancos, http://icolc.net/consortia/63, Turkey, DSpace users

Set up meeting with Michele

- Narrow the consortial list down; which would he pick?

Possible third prong approach

- Encourage people to engage with the DSpace ambassador program to support this kind of activity in your country
- Work towards making these connections
- A way to have regular contact with countries
- How to re-start this program?
- Possible staff discussion around ambassadors program; how to include Fedora and VIVO?

International outreach (notes from 6/23 COM)

- Outreach through RSPs for help/feedback on idea of working together on a French and Italian DuraSpace newsletters for customers and consortia
- Aim is to build data and relationships that may eventually translate into memberships
- Three types of assistance: determining what types of content would best serve users in an area, translations and customer/client lists
- key to trying to get funding from Europe is through engaging with these international orgs; consortia rather than individuals
- Pay off is more direct exposure and more opportunities to speak at other conferences abroad
- Need to be enmeshed with the orgs we want to engage with
- Seems to be interest in our OS projects in Europe, two ways to learn about needs/practices
  - by country, how does it work in France and Germany?
  - by academic domain, how does it work? Is there a driving scientific purpose?
- Michele is in charge of international partnerships for CINECA; working toward arranging introductory phone calls between us and consortial reps
  - Challenge is to make the initial org introductions to learn what the needs are and how to be helpful
  - CINECA status is changing, new director, efforts more towards italian universities; colleagues have splintered off and formed a division of another for-profit company—focus will be on non-profits, but activities will be the same; Michele will stay with CINECA; gained a new RSP "4Science"; CINECA status as RSP is in question

Action Items

1	send letters to RSP contacts regarding general int outreach	Carol Minton Morris
2	begin list research for French, Italian users	Carol Minton Morris Kristi Searle