

# Member Newsletter content, June 2018

Dear Friends,

As you may know, [Debra Hanken Kurtz has departed DuraSpace](#) to return to academic librarianship at Arizona State University to serve as the Associate University Librarian for Technology Services. Debra is leaving the organization in fine form as 2017 was the healthiest fiscal year to date and we boast an incredible team of staff who will continue to deliver on our mission, engage our communities, and promote transparency and openness.

I will serve as Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to help transition DuraSpace to new leadership. I'm very fortunate to have Valorie Hollister, Chief Financial Officer at DuraSpace and Bill Branam, Services Technical Director assisting with this process.

If we haven't had a chance to meet allow me to introduce myself.

I'm a Canadian and a librarian. I have worked with open source software (OSS) and communities since 2011. I started my career in the Islandora community and have worked on more than forty OSS digital repository projects. Before entering into the world of open source, I ran my own small research business called CloudScout Information Services and worked in a small research library at [Environment Canada](#).

My work at DuraSpace to date has been focused on building new initiatives related to grant projects, delivering professional services that support open projects and services, as well as programs that foster collaboration with open source service providers. Recently, in 2018 I participated in the [Mozilla Open Leadership Training Series](#) and applied it to building communities efforts around our open source [DuraCloud](#) software and the [ARKs-in-the-Open](#) project. I'm also an active member of the Research Data Canada (RDC) Infrastructure Committee.

My interim role as DuraSpace CEO will have me coordinating day-to-day operations of DuraSpace over the next few months and carrying out ongoing initiatives that deliver on DuraSpace's mission with our team.

DuraSpace's team has achieved some big goals this past month, including:

- Launching our new website, <https://duraspace.org/>
- Announcing a collaborative partnership with COAR (Confederation of Open Access Repositories)
- Representing our technologies and communities at the [Open Repositories conference](#), [VIVO Conference](#), and [CRIS Conference](#), including
  - Making public new [DSpace 7 Updates from OR2018, Including a Recorded DSpace 7 Demo](#)
  - Participating in a presentation with [@euroCRIS\\_Org](#) & [@OCLC](#) global on a [survey of research information management practices \(RIM\)](#) presented at euroCRIS: [Link to MM slides to come](#)
- Delivering three webinars focused on DuraCloud, VIVO and the 2.5% Commitment: Investing in Open
  - Here are the [slides and recordings](#)
- Formalizing plans to include entities support in DSpace 7: [Statement from the DSpace Steering Group](#)
- Announcing a new 3-4 month task force initiated by ORCID aimed at gathering input on repository community needs regarding ORCID and on a set of recommendations for supporting ORCID in repository platforms. [More information here](#).

We are delighted to share news of these initiatives and our team looks forward to continuing to support projects and advance services to help ensure that current and future generations have access to our collective digital heritage.

With many thanks for your support and participation.

Warm regards,

Erin Tripp

Interim CEO

## 2018 Membership Campaign

Thank you to each of our renewing DuraSpace members for your continued support. You each have joined DuraSpace in the vital effort to provide technical leadership, strategic planning, community outreach, software release coordination, and marketing and communications to the DSpace, Fedora and VIVO open source projects. With the 2018-19 membership campaign only 2 months old here's where we are towards meeting the goals by project:

Total: \$903,500; 141 unique members; 79% of goal

- DSpace: \$208,417; 53 members; 81% of goal
- Fedora: \$456,667; 62 members; 80% of goal
- VIVO: \$147,416; 19 members; 71% of goal
- General: \$91,000; 19 members ; 87% of goal

If you have questions about your membership, please contact Valorie Hollister <[vhollister@duraspace.org](mailto:vhollister@duraspace.org)>.

## Leadership Group Elections

In May we launched the nomination phase of our Leadership Group election process for our projects. Each DuraSpace project has representative, community-based [governance](#) model that includes several governing groups with various levels of responsibility. Eligibility to serve in project governance is determined by participation in the DuraSpace Membership Program. Individuals sitting on the Leadership Group for each project play a key role in setting the strategic direction and priorities of the project through the approval of the annual budget allocation and project roadmap and establishing the annual community direction. Leaders also nominate the members of the project Steering Group. The designated Community Liaison at each member institution takes part in the nomination (if there is an open Leadership Group seat) and election (if an election is necessary) process. We're pleased to welcome and in some cases, welcome back those members in the Leadership Groups of [DSpace \(LINK TBD\)](#), [Fedora](#), and [VIVO](#). We are now in the process of electing community Leadership Group members for [DSpace \(LINK TBD\)](#), [Fedora](#), and [VIVO](#) and will share those results with you next month! If you have any questions about the Leadership Group election process please contact [Kristi Searle](#).

## SERVICES

### Webinar recording: DuraCloud in 2018: What's New? What's Next for the Software & the Service?

On May 24th DuraSpace Services Coordinator, Heather Greer Klein, presented a DuraSpace community webinar, "[DuraCloud in 2018: What's New? What's Next for the Software & the Service?](#)" Heather shared an overview of the services that DuraSpace offers including [DuraCloud](#), an open source preservation storage system and hosted service designed to make it easy to preserve data in the cloud. Heather detailed DuraCloud's features, storage options, and hosted service options in the United States and Europe. Attendees also learned about DuraCloud as open source software, the development roadmap, and the new pricing options for storing over 20 TB and the [first year discount](#) available to new DuraSpace members.

The presentation slides and webinar recording are available at <https://duraspace.org/webinar/>.

### New Customers

We are excited to welcome new DSpaceDirect customer Bryan College of Health Sciences.

[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](#) to learn more about any of the web services DuraSpace offers, and to learn about special discounts for new DuraCloud subscribers who are DuraSpace members at the Silver level and above.

### WHERE WE'LL BE THIS SUMMER (All Please UPDATE)

[CASRAI-UK Reconnect18](#), Glasgow, UK, June 25/26 - David Baker

[LIBER](#), Lille, France, July 4-6 - David Wilcox

[Islandora Camp HRM](#), Halifax, NS, Canada, July 18-20 - Erin Tripp and David Wilcox

[DSpace Workshop and First National Conference on Research Information Management](#), Arequipa, Peru, July 18/20

[ARCHIVES\\*RECORDS 2018](#), Washington, DC, August 12-18 - Heather Greer Klein