

2019-08 Fedora Newsletter

This is the August 2019 edition of the Fedora Newsletter. This newsletter summarizes the most significant activities within the Fedora community over the last month.

News

New Fedora Leadership Group Members

The [Fedora Leadership Group](#) approves the overall priorities and strategic direction of the project by approving the annual budget and product roadmap, nominating and electing [Steering Group](#) members, voting on key decisions presented by the Steering Group, and helping to raise funds and secure other resources on behalf of Fedora.

The Leadership Group held its [annual election](#), and [twelve new and returning representatives](#) were elected to the group for a one year term. Welcome to all new and returning representatives!

Fedora 6.0

A [high-level roadmap](#) and more detailed [development plan](#) for Fedora 6.0 are now available, along with [draft architectural diagrams](#). The main features of this next major release will be support for transparent persistence via the [Oxford Common File Layout](#) and a built-in query endpoint, along with support for migrations from previous versions of Fedora (3, 4, and 5). The first two code sprints have been scheduled for September 16-27 and November 4-15, and several [pilot projects](#) have been scheduled. Please [sign up for a code sprint](#) to participate in this effort.

Islandora 8 Webinar

The Islandora Foundation held a webinar to showcase the next release of Islandora 8 on August 13. The [recording](#) and [slides](#) are available online.

Oxford Common File Layout

The latest [OCFL](#) editors meeting took place on August 6. [Notes](#) from the call are available online. Highlights include a brief inspection of the latest OCFL client library, review of release 1.0 action items and issues, and agenda-planning for the next face-to-face meeting of editors in October. The [next community call](#) will take place on August 14.

Conferences and events

In an attempt to simplify the task of keeping up with Fedora-related meetings and events, a Fedora calendar is available to the community as [HTML](#) and [iCal](#).

If you have not already joined the [fedora-project](#) Slack workspace please start by visiting the [self-registration form](#). Come join the conversation!

Fedora Workshop, Staatsarchiv Bern

On August 22, 2019 the State Archives Basel-Stadt and St. Gallen will host a [Fedora Workshop](#) for archives in the region. Please register in advance to attend - the workshop is limited to 30 people.

iPRES

iPRES is the premier and longest-running conference series on digital preservation. This year's conference will be held in Amsterdam on September 16-20. The [program](#) features a Fedora workshop and a presentation on Fedora 6, which will include support for the OCFL. Please [register](#) in advance to attend.

Islandoracon

Islandoracon will be held October 7-11 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The main conference will be hosted by Islandora Foundation Partner Simon Fraser University, at their downtown location in Harbour Centre. Please [register](#) in advance to attend.

Samvera Connect

This year's [Samvera Connect](#) will take place October 22-25 at Washington University in St. Louis. Please [register](#) in advance to attend.

Register Your Repository

Is your repository listed in the [DuraSpace registry](#)? Help us maintain reliable information on the community of Fedora users around the world by [registering your repository](#) today. You can also request an update to an existing entry by selecting your entry and filling out the online form.

Membership

Fedora is funded entirely through the contributions of DuraSpace members that allocate their annual funding to Fedora. This year's membership campaign has a goal of raising \$500,000 to fund staff to work on Fedora and provide technical leadership, direct strategic planning, organize community outreach, and coordinate timely software releases. Membership also provides opportunities to participate in [project governance](#) and influence the direction of the software. If your institution is not yet a member of DuraSpace in support of Fedora, **please [join us](#) today!**

Get Involved

Fedora is designed, built, used, and supported by the community. An easy and important way that you can contribute to the effort is by helping resolve outstanding bugs. If you have an interest in gaining a better understanding of the Fedora code base, or a specific interest in any of [these bugs](#), please add a comment to a ticket and we can work together to move your interest forward.