

# Washington D.C. Fedora User Group Meeting: 31 March - 1 April 2015

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## What

D.C. Fedora User Group Meeting ([registration](#))

## Where

USDA National Agriculture Library  
10301 Baltimore Ave.  
Beltsville, MD

## Arriving by Metro/Bus

From Washington, DC, take the **Green Line** to **College Park Station**, and then take the **86 Bus** north to the National Agriculture Library.

## Arriving by Car

From the **Washington Beltway I-95/I-495** take **exit 25** for **US-1/Baltimore Ave** toward Laurel/College Park. The Library is the 14 story building on the right. There is free parking on the north side of the building.

## When

31 March - 1 April 2015  
10:00am - 4:00pm

## Attendees

A [list](#) of attendees will be posted following the meeting.

## Agenda/Presentations

### Day 1 (31 March)

The first day will feature presentations and project updates from Fedora community members, along with an update on the status of Fedora 4 and DuraSpace. The agenda will be created based on presentation topics submitted by attendees, so please propose a topic [when you register](#).

Time	Topic	Presenter
10:00 - 10:30	Welcome and Introductions	
10:30 - 11:00	<a href="#">Update on DuraSpace and Fedora 4</a>	David Wilcox, DuraSpace  Andrew Woods, DuraSpace

11:00 - 11:30	<a href="#">Fedora: An Institutional History</a>	Chuck Schoppet, USDA/NAL
11:30 - 12:00	<a href="#">Fedora at the University of Maryland Libraries</a>	Ben Wallberg, UMD Libraries
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 1:30	This presentation will include highlights from the Islandora Community, including new features, interest group activity, and an update on the recent work to integrate Islandora with Fedora 4.	Alan Stanley, discoverygarden inc.
1:30 - 2:00	We've learnt a lot about durability from Fedora practice over the past fifteen years. Most importantly, we now know that to make durable resources, we have to separate the syntax of our data from the semantics thereof. We also know that a repository is only as durable as its <b>data</b> , and no more durable than its <b>services</b> . Part of the specification activity for Fedora 4 includes making a separation between the syntax and the semantics of repository services. RDF over HTTP (via the W3C's Linked Data Platform specification) gives us a strong basis for syntax. The ontologies we are now producing will give us the semantics. Combined, they will give us a really durable set of repository services to support our quest for durable information.	A. Soroka, University of Virginia
2:00 - 2:30	Break	
2:30 - 3:30	Short Presentations & Project Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Doyle, National Library of Medicine</li> <li>• <a href="#">Mike Durbin</a>, University of Virginia</li> <li>• <a href="#">Stefano Cossu</a>, Art Institute of Chicago</li> </ul>
3:30 - 4:00	Discussion and Wrap-up	

## Day 2 (1 April)

The second day will focus on Fedora 4 training. The following agenda is based on feedback submitted by attendees during registration.

Time	Topic
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome and Introductions
10:15 - 11:15	<a href="#">Introduction and Feature Tour</a>
11:15 - 11:30	Break
11:30 - 12:30	<a href="#">Migrating from Fedora 3 to Fedora 4</a>
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	<a href="#">Hands-on with Fedora 4</a>
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 3:45	<a href="#">Fedora into the Future</a>
3:45 - 4:00	Discussion and wrap-up

## Summary

This event will include one day of Fedora User Group presentations and one day of Fedora 4 training.