

# Member Newsletter, outline/content, May 2017

*DuraSpace Membership Newsletter*  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at upcoming meetings and events near and far!

**Thank you** to renewing members of DuraSpace, and a warm welcome to new members [ETH Zurich/ETH Library](#), [Drexel University Libraries](#), and the [German National Library of Science and Technology/Technische Informationsbibliothek \(TIB\)](#), [Naval Postgraduate School](#)

**Congratulations** and best wishes to DuraSpace Board President Laura Wood who will begin her role as AUL for Research and Education at Harvard on July 18.

**Strategic refresh** discussions at recent staff retreat were focused around several ideas of interest to our members:

- Mapping and understanding the scholarly ecosystem
- Commonalities and repeatability to provide members with more and better access to events including user group meetings, training opportunities, and web seminars across projects
- How to provide DevOps (development and operations) expertise and provisioning of resources at scale in collaboration with our community
- Strategic partner criteria and creating additional membership value

If you will be attending upcoming in-person meetings please say hello and/or feel free to reach out to me with questions or ideas at <[dkurtz@duraspace.org](mailto:dkurtz@duraspace.org)>.

Warm regards,

Debra Hanken Kurtz

CEO

## DSpace

The new DSpace 7 UI will be highlighted at [OR2017](#) in Brisbane, Australia next month. An update on the DSpace 7 Project (Angular UI and REST API) will be presented, providing the latest status of the work, next steps, and how others can contribute. In addition, during workshop day, developers will have the opportunity to attend a DSpace Angular UI workshop to learn more about enhancing and customizing the upcoming UI. [Here is a recent update](#) presented by Wouter Janssens, [Atmire](#), at the recent [UK and Ireland DSpace User Group Meeting](#).

To facilitate community discussion [4Science](#) has made the new DSpace 7 REST API available on a demo server: <http://dspace7.4science.it>. Please try it out!

Interested in the DSpace 7 "Big Picture"? Tim Donohue, DSpace Tech Lead and the DSpace 7 UI Outreach Group have written a concise summary of the initiative including background, a breakdown of the technology plan, and more. [Read more here](#).

Particularly of interest for those of you in the DC area, the Georgetown University Library will host a North American DSpace User Group Meeting Aug 22-23. [Here are the event details](#).

We invite our members to attend an upcoming webinar, "DSpace-CRIS: How it works and how to leverage it," on Thursday, June 15th at 11:30am EDT. [Susanna Mornati](#), COO of [4Science](#), will introduce DSpace-CRIS, its main functionalities and its added value for institutions, including the integration with [ORCID](#) and the new add-on modules for viewing images and documents, video/audio streaming and data management. [Andrea Bollini](#), CTIO of [4Science](#), will present the open source technologies and the international standards adopted for DSpace-CRIS (e.g.: [IIIF](#) and [CKAN](#)), the interoperability with external systems and the new enhancements that came with the latest releases. [Please register in advance](#).

## Fedora

A recent web seminar entitled, "Powering Linked Data and Hosted Solutions with Fedora" offered a preview of Fedora-related OR2017 presentations. David Wilcox, Fedora Product Manager with DuraSpace, gave an overview of Fedora with a focus on its native linked data capabilities. Hannah Frost, Manager, Digital Library Product and Service Management with Stanford University, presented Hyku, the [Hydra-in-a-box](#) repository product, which provides a hosted option for Fedora-based repositories. Esmé Cowles, Digital Infrastructure Developer with Princeton University, demonstrated how the [International Image Interoperability Framework](#) (IIIF) can be integrated with Fedora and [Hydra](#) to manage digitized books, manuscripts, and other image-based content in a flexible and reusable way. Tom Murphy, Director of Computing and Network Services with the University of Michigan - ICPSP, discussed going into production with Fedora 4 using a custom application framework. A recording of this webinar along with the presentation slides is available at <http://duraspace.org/duraspace-solutions>.

Speaking of Fedora 4, Dan Coughlin, IT Manager, Digital Scholarship and Repository Development, [Penn State Libraries](#), has described Fedora 4 in production at [Penn State ScholarSphere](#) in this recent [blog post](#).

Experienced trainers and Fedora gurus are on the road again offering two more Fedora Camps this year. The first is a combined Fedora and Hydra Camp to be held at Oxford University, Sept 4 - 8, 2017. [Registration is available here](#) with an early bird discount until July 10. The camp will be hosted by [Oxford University](#) Oxford, UK and is supported by [Jisc](#).

[Fedora Camp Texas](#), is co-hosted by [Texas Digital Library](#) and the [University of Texas Libraries](#) and will take place in Austin October 16-18, 2017. [Registration is available here](#) and local accommodations are available at a reduced rate—early bird discounts until Aug. 14.

## VIVO

The first-ever community-organized VIVO Conference is set to take place at Weill Cornell Medicine in NYC, August 2-4. This year keynotes, invited speakers, workshops, posters, demos, receptions, and conversation with the people creating and implementing VIVO and VIVO related tools across the world all part of the price of registration—take advantage of early bird savings through May 26 [here](#).

If you are interested in connecting with the scholars, technologists, librarians, practitioners, and decision-makers who will attend VIVO2017 please consider [sponsoring the VIVO Conference](#).

There's still time to submit a poster abstract or abstract for a demo. The deadline for late-breaking posters and demos is June 12. More information [here](#).

Jim Hendler, one of the originators of the Semantic web and a keynote speaker at the first VIVO Conference, will give a keynote address at this year's conference as well. You can read more about Jim and his role in creating the Semantic Web here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_Hendler](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Hendler).

## SERVICES

We are pleased to welcome new DuraCloud customer the [Denver Art Museum](#).

[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 [customer.support@duraspace.org](mailto:customer.support@duraspace.org) to learn more about any of the web services DuraSpace offers.

## WHERE WE'LL BE (please update)

**ELAG2017**, June 6, David Wilcox, Fedora Bootcamp

**OR2017**, June 26-30, Debra Hanken Kurtz, Tim Donohue, Andrew Woods, David Wilcox, Mike Conlon, Graham Triggs, Erin Tripp

**SAA Archives 2017**, July 23-29, Heather Greer Klein

**VIVO2017**, Aug 2-4, Debra Hanken Kurtz, Mike Conlon, Graham Triggs

**DC Area DSpace User Group Meeting**, Aug 22-23, Tim Donohue