

# 2017-10-13 DSpace Entities WG Meeting Notes

## Attendees

- [Andrea Bollini \(4Science\)](#)
- [Claudio Cortese \(4Science\)](#)
- [Fernando Ribeiro](#)
- [Jose Carvalho](#)
- [Mark H. Wood](#)
- [Joao Mendes Moreira](#)
- [Nelson Torres](#)
- [Paulo Lopes](#)
- [Paulo Graça](#)
- [Stephen Hearn \(U of Minnesota\)](#)
- [Tim Donohue](#)
- [Lieven Droogmans](#)
- [Emilio Lorenzo \(Arvo Consultores\)](#)

## Agenda/ Notes

- We discovered immediately that this Google Hangouts has a 10 person limit. Some people may have been blocked out of discussion. Apologies for anyone who got kicked off, but we'll meet on Zoom for the next meeting (see below)
- About the Working Group / How it was formed ([Google Slides](#))
  - About RCAAP : Presentation by Paulo L
  - Motivation : Presentation by Paulo G
  - Work done (by RCAAP): Presentation by Paulo G
    - Scenario #1: DSpace-CRIS pilot (decided they were not ready to move to yet)
    - Scenario #2: Built out DSpace 5/6 with custom features (author profiles from Atmire adapted to JSPUI)
    - Scenario #3: Decided they'd rather participate in Dspace development. This is how discussions started and this WG was established
  - Entities Working Group purpose and objectives: Presentation by Jose Carvalho
  - Identified a few models to work from
    - Top / Down (starting at DSpace-CRIS)
    - Bottom / Up (starting at community needs)
- Discussion
  - Tim: Could we mesh the two models (top/down and bottom/up) together? Start at community needs, prioritize those needs...analyze how DSpace-CRIS can meet these needs?
    - Andrea B agrees. Same with Mark W
    - Andrea reminds of DSpace 2.0. Tried to find "best solution", but it was too distant from current DSpace. Impossible to migrate to it. We don't want to repeat that obviously
    - DSpace-CRIS built as an addition (different dev pattern) for this reason. Keep it close to DSpace roadmap.
  - Andrea: DSpace-CRIS is also a larger community. 70 installations in Italy. 30-40 around the world, with increasing interest. Discovered interest in Germany too (at DSpace German User Group Mtg)
    - Don't want to lose these users to publishers or proprietary CRIS systems
    - Ideally, any new CRIS-like system enhancements should be an evolution of DSpace-CRIS
  - Should we start at use cases (and prioritize)? Then analyze how DSpace-CRIS aligns (or doesn't)
    - Some agreement here
  - Can you split DSpace-CRIS into software parts? Or is it an entire bundle?
    - Can enable/disable functionality easily
    - But, it is shipped more like a bundle right now.
  - Joao: Perhaps it'd be good to start with one major use case and do a deep dive into DSpace-CRIS to see how it handles it?
    - Lieven agrees. Use cases take a while to fully build out. Start in one area first. Get a good understanding of DSpace-CRIS
    - Tim agrees. Author or Author Profile pages is a good place to start? That is also a frequently requested feature outside of CRIS
  - Others agree that Author / Author Profile pages (aka Research Pages) would be a good starting point
  - Stephen: One of the intro presentations implied that DSpace-CRIS is "closed"? Is it really? Impression is that it's open, but just a slightly separate community
    - No it isn't closed. But, it **is** primarily developed and supported by one institution (4Science). So, it's not as widely known /understood
    - But it has the same open source software license as rest of DSpace. Uses the same mailing lists. Presents at the same conferences (Open Repositories, etc)
  - Also, is DSpace-CRIS following DSpace roadmap?
    - Yes, 4Science is highly involved in DSpace 7 efforts and DSpace-CRIS will be moving on the same roadmap as DSpace 7
  - DSpace-CRIS solves multiple needs. It's an advanced repo that better integrates with other (external) CRIS systems. It's also possible to use as a standalone CRIS system + repo combo.
    - DSpace-CRIS allows you to enable/disable features to either make it a full CRIS, or just an advanced repo that integrates well with an external CRIS system. Different users configure it differently
  - Next meeting plans?
    - Meet in two weeks at same time. **Friday, Oct 27 at 15:00UTC (11am-12pm EDT, 8am-9am PDT)**
    - Main agenda item will be a deep dive into how DSpace-CRIS manages Authors and Author Profiles (Researcher Pages).
    - Next time we'll meet via Zoom. This will avoid the attendee limits. (Joao has a Zoom account we can use)