

Scholars Portal Dataverse Contacts Meeting

Meeting Notes, 2022-02-24

Attendees (please enter your name and institution): John Huck (UAlberta), Susie Wilson (UNBC), Chris Hurst (Brandon), Eugene Barsky (UBC), Alex Cooper (Queen's), Carrie Breton (Guelph), Brian Jackson (Mount Royal), Alisa Rod (McGill), Émilie Fortin (ULaval), Michael Steeleworthy (Laurier), Kathy Szigeti (Waterloo), Irina Gherasim (Polytechnique Montréal), Liz Hill (Western), Prasun Lala (ÉTS), Ève Paquette-Bigras (Université de Montréal), Louise Gillis (Dalhousie), Krista Alexander (Concordia), Jane Fry (Carleton U), Sacha Jerabek (UQAM), Isaac Williams (Brock), Lacey Cain (Carleton)

SP: Meghan Goodchild (SP/Queen's), Jonathan Dorey (INRS/SP), Amber Leahey (SP), Kaitlin Newson (SP), Grant Hurley (SP)

Number of participants on call: 36

Agenda & Notes

1. Housekeeping

- Notetaker: Kaitlin
- Slides and agenda/notes on DV contacts resources page:
<https://spotdocs.scholarsportal.info/display/DAT/Institutional+Contacts+Resources>

2. Scholars Portal Dataverse Service Updates

- Slides: [Scholars Portal Dataverse Institutional Contacts Meeting - 2022-02-24](#)
- Policies and User Guide Update
 - i. Preservation Plan overview (Grant Hurley)
 - Preservation for DV in Canada: Recommendations Report
 - a. [English](#)
 - b. [French](#)
 - Two levels - level 1 is being done in-house at SP, including running preservation scripts for fixity checking
 - a. Initial run of script found about 20 datasets across the installation.
 - b. Depositors and institutional contacts will be contacted if new copies of files are needed
 - Level 2 can be done by institutions and supported by SP. Includes Archivematica processing and/or BagIt exports.
 - a. Note that BagIt exports for tabular data only contain the tab files
 - Question - @Grant, in your opinion, what would be the added value in Level 2 preservation. There is a LOT of additional work to move data to Archivematica, it is quite a manual process. Converting data to non-proprietary formats, standardizing, etc Is it really worth it?

- a. Comes down to the value of the collection; is there concern about risks to their longevity? Do you trust the persistence of DV over time? How valuable are these materials to your institution?
 - b. Archivematica does a lot of additional processing work that can be helpful for managing collections.
 - c. Level 1 doesn't handle file formats
 - d. Also puts a copy in a secondary location
 - Question - is there anywhere that explains what Dataverse does and doesn't do for preservation? e.g. a document or package of info, which could help local contacts
 - a. Dataverse as a software does a limited number of things for preservation
 - b. These slides could also be shared
 - c. Preservation plan will be released publicly
 - ii. Policies and User Guide Update
- Ongoing and new projects:
 - i. Upgrade to version 5.8
 - Successfully upgraded on Jan. 31st
 - Curation labels are now enabled - feedback on the default set or anything else can be sent to the SP team
 - ii. CTS Cohort update
 - iii. New Projects for 2022

3. **Dataverse Community Updates**

- Community Facilitation Team
- Proposal for Community of Practice (shared Fall 2021)
- Chantal Ripp emailed the list about licensed data in Dataverse - planning to setup another meeting

4. **Open Q&A:**

- No additional questions
- General support in chat for bilingual approach

5. **Next meeting:** March 31, 2022 at 1PM Eastern