

Scholars Portal Dataverse Contacts Meeting

Meeting Notes, 2021-04-29

Attendees (please enter your name and institution):

Jane Fry (Carleton), Lachlan MacLeod (Dalhousie), Chris Shoniker (Carleton), Chris Hurst (Brandon), Carrie Breton (U of G), John Huck (University of Alberta), Jonathan Dorey (INRS, ENAP), Isaac Pratt (McMaster), Alex Cooper (Queen's), Yayo Umetsubo (UofT Mississauga), Monique Grenier (UVic), Tara Stieglitz (MacEwan University), Kristi Thompson (Western University), Michael Steeleworthy (Laurier), Émilie Fortin (Université Laval), Nadia Zurek (UQTR), Louise Gillis (Dalhousie), Will Meredith (Royal Roads U), Minglu Wang (York U), Liz Hill (Western University), Alisa Rod (McGill), Alex Guindon (Concordia), Alison Farrell (MUN), Mathieu Ayoub (UQTR), Jean Blackburn (VIU), Nora Mulvaney (Ryerson), Pierre Poissant Marquis (TÉLUQ), Sarah Giesbrecht (UNBC)

Kaitlin Newson (SP), Amber Leahey (SP), Alicia Cappello (SP)

Number of participants on call: 38

Agenda & Notes

1. Housekeeping
 - Notetaker: Carrie Breton
 - 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:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ojLTLmSeNOihBMNSp29PDG8QGg2q1Z6LP3lq5CnAk_Y/edit?usp=sharing
 - Moving Dataverse storage to cloud storage on the OLRC
 - i. Geographically distributed
 - ii. Replicated to 3 of 5 storage nodes (Guelph, Toronto, Queen's, York, Ottawa)
 - iii. Doing testing; seeing improved download speeds
 - iv. There will be one day of downtime - planning for over a weekend
 - v. Will send out email for this and a banner notice
 - Globus transfer for large data
 - i. Working with Globus team to make sure files that are restricted cannot be access through Globus
 - Accessibility changes being made such as colour contrast - tracked in spot docs
 - i. Working with Harvard as well
 - Dataverse North

- i. SP in discussions with group related to support, training, and community development
 - ii. Update on this at next meeting
 - SP CoreTrustSeal cohort with a cohort
 - i. Content on project website - <https://spotdocs.scholarsportal.info/display/DAT/Dataverse+CTS+Certification+Project>
 - ii. Gap analysis added - working with Dataverse North Policy Working Group to work with member institutions on policies and procedures
 - iii. SP doing activities and events specific to Dataverse
 - iv. Portage/NDRIO general announcement on successful applications to their cohort coming soon
 - v. SP joining Portage cohort
 - Journal Blind Review Dataverse
 - i. SP could set this up within their network - developing a workflow
 - ii. Unpublished dataverse in SP root not visible to public
 - iii. Researcher could contact their local rep
 - Update your institutional documentation with information about this use case and contact information to researchers who would like to use this service
 - iv. Rep contacts SP to get researcher anonymous credentials - no information about researcher is tracked
 - Could institutional rep be added to support deposit, but would want rep/ institution name to also be anonymous - SP will look into this and how this would work
 - Author/ depositor fields would not show author credentials but would be general/ anonymized (e.g. Researcher 1)
 - v. Will not be able to publish but can create a Private URL
 - vi. After review period is over, they can chose to move the dataset into the appropriate dataverse instance and publish it - SP would support this
 - vii. Will set this up on demo site for admins to test
 - Non- institutional dataverses in the root
 - i. Schools can set up dataverse in the root to support groups/ multi-institutional project/ sponsored group
 - ii. Email from sponsor institution is required by SP to set these up
 - iii. 100GB of storage for free, additional storage can be provided by institution
 - They would need to work the sponsor institution to get more storage if they need it
 - Sponsor to work with SP to determine increased storage
 - iv. Direct support and training will be required by the sponsor institution
 - v. Think about having an agreement with the group
 - vi. Sponsoring institution would be responsible for long-term management of the dataverse
 - vii. More information and workflow documentation will be made available
3. Community Topics: Journal Dataverses (Isaac Pratt, McMaster)

- Canadian Journal of Economics contacted McMaster RDM about setting up a dataverse for their data
- Currently data is uploaded as supporting information associated with a publication
- Trying to make data more FAIR
- Require data and code be submitted for review and shared when possible
- Curation activities done by Data Editor including require inclusion of a readme file
- Journal needs:
 - i. to review/ approve data submissions
 - ii. Persistent identifiers
 - iii. Metadata fields to easily link dataset to publication
 - iv. Licensing options
 - v. Training of journal staff and authors
 - vi. Need for a dataverse distinct from an institution
 - vii. 5GB of storage per year (100 GB initial allotment)
- McMaster will host the dataverse for now
- SP will host in root in (see Non-institutional dataverse discussion above)
- Written an MOU
 - i. 3 year term
 - ii. Training for staff and author is a joint effort
 - iii. Technical support for authors is journal responsibility (McMaster and SP backup)
 - iv. Curation responsibility rests with journal
 - v. Storage costs will be passed on from SP when extra storage is needed
 - vi. Agreement
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pBgLnXPesVab-Yxwd7fMvSX4TMT8ZkbCtrG9GqJJdBE/edit>
 - Can share this MOU, but please remove the references to the CJE and McMaster
 - vii. MOU/ Agreement could be transferred to another institution at end of current MOU period
- Isaac's slides will be posted on spotdocs page
- Proposed a SSHRC partnership grant to support training journal data editors on curation (e.g. data citation, licensing, complications around sharing secondary/ tertiary data)
- What happens is no member institution can pick up the sponsorship of a MOU?
 - i. Further discussion needed here and included in service articulation
 - ii. Understanding of long-term preservation between the journal, sponsor institution and SP needs to be articulated in service policy

4. Q&A

5. Next meeting: May 27th