

Scholars Portal Dataverse Contacts Meeting

Meeting Notes, 2020-05-28

Attendees (please enter your name and institution): Meghan Goodchild (Queen's/SP), Kaitlin Newson (SP), Susie Wilson (UNBC), Dana McFarland (VIU), Laure Perrier (UToronto), Chris Hurst (Brandon University), Jane Fry (Carleton U), Chris Shoniker (Carleton), Jenn Riley (McGill), Dwayne Collins (Trent University), Moira Davidson (Lakehead), Jonathan Dorey (INRS TELUQ), Carrie Breton (U of G), Emily Maemura (Ryerson), Louis Michaud (UQAR), Alex Cooper (Queen's), Diane Sauvé (UdeM), Shahira Khair (UVictoria), Sandra Keys (Waterloo), Sacha Jerabek (UQAM), Daniel Bromby (Bishop's), Vivek Jadon (McMaster), Martine Gagnon (Université Laval), Heather Whipple (Brock), Danielle Dennie (Concordia), Jasmine Hoover (CBU), Marcel Fortin (UToronto), Will Meredith (Royal Roads), Liz Hill (Western), Kaelan Caspary (Ontario Tech), Kristi Thompson (Western), Yayo Umetsubo (UofT Mississauga)

participants on call: 36

Agenda

1. Housekeeping
 - a. Notetaker: Shahira
 - b. Slides and agenda/notes on DV contacts resources page:
<https://spotdocs.scholarsportal.info/display/DAT/Institutional+Contacts+Resources>
2. Scholars Portal Dataverse Updates
 - a. Upgrade to 4.19 review
 - b. Results of usability testing by the UX lab at the University of Toronto
 - c. Other updates
3. Community Q&A

Notes

- 54 institutions now subscribed to SP Dataverse! Welcome VIU, RRU, UNBC!
- Upgrade on April 22 successful! Features:
 - Internationalization
 - Descriptive text on login
 - API tokens have expiry dates
 - Collecting MakeDataCount metrics
 - Emails from users on listserv have institution named at start of subject line
 - New dataset author identifiers in metadata
 - Notifications now being sent once tabular file ingest is completed

- Accessibility improvements
- Shib users directed to institutional dataverse page
- Bug fixes
 - Thumbnail display
 - French characters in SPSS ingest
- Conducting usability tests with UX lab at UofT
 - Tests run with researchers (“primary” users)
 - Tasks: finding site (e.g. via Google Search), navigating interface, uploading datasets and editing metadata, managing dataset permissions
- Some issues identified were related to Dataverse platform, some related to SP implementation, institutional customization
- Key findings:
 - Adding additional metadata after file upload is confusing
 - Suggestion: Combine into single input page
 - Dataverse term is confusing
 - Suggestion: Provide explanation into accessible tooltip
 - Login before upload is not intuitive.
 - On the login page, confusion between institutional logo and “other options” dropdown.
 - Suggestion: Add more text to guide users, improve headings, improve logo/continue button
 - Institutions need descriptions on their primary repository space
 - Explain relationship to SP
 - How to deposit
 - Contact info
 - Consider number of admins in institutional dataverse
 - May put off users who see many admins have access to their data
- Impressions on look
 - Simple, well structured, scholarly looking, usable
 - Not very fancy, could look prettier
- Questions from attendees:
 - How to include the “add data” button on the institution page - related to institutional permissions. It appears on more open permissions.
 - See SP guide for how to customize institutional landing page
 - For non-shibboleth institutions, users get lost in the login page. Intuitively they want to use the drop-down menu to select their own institution. When they don’t see it listed they get confused and don’t read other text.

- Upcoming webinars and presentations
 - Portage TechTools Showcase on June 16th @ 1PM (EST)
 - Data Curation Tool, Data Previewers and Radium tools will be presented
 - Virtual Dataverse Community Meeting June 17-19
 - Lots of representation from the SP Dataverse community!
- Documentation/Outreach
 - New blog post on SP Dataverse's CANARIE project completion
 - New login/account management documentation
- OpenAIRE COVID-19 gateway
 - SP Dataverse datasets will appear in new covid discovery portal via FRDR harvesting and sharing metadata
 - 7 datasets currently published in SP Dataverse related to covid-19
- Continue to share resources on Dataverse spotdocs page!
 - Contact Meghan to get access to upload
- Next meeting is June 25th at 1PM ET (no meetings July/Aug)

Community Q/A

- McGill's new RDM specialist joining soon - Alisa Rod.
- Integrating visualization tools, showcasing interesting datasets, might help with making Dataverse less "boring"
- APIs could possibly be used to query datasets and display data in a custom front end
- Lots of interest in learning to use the API