

Scholars Portal Dataverse Contacts Meeting

Meeting Notes, 2021-11-25

Attendees (please enter your name and institution): Chris Hurst (Brandon University), Alison Farrell (Memorial), Ève Paquette-Bigras (Uni de Montréal), Jasmine Hoover (CBU), Carrie Breton (U of Guelph), Alicia Cappello (Queen's), Kathy Szigeti (Waterloo), Yayo Umetsubo (University of Toronto Mississauga), Dana McFarland (VIU), Prasun Lala (École de Technologie Supérieure), Isaac Pratt (McMaster), Isaac Williams (Brock)

SP: Amber, Meghan, Jonathan

Number of participants on call: 30

Agenda & Notes

1. Housekeeping

- Notetaker: Amber & Jonathan
- 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 - 2021-11-25](#)
- Ongoing and new projects:
 - i. University of Alberta migration completed
 - ii. Globus development project is ongoing
 - Jim Myers (Harvard / GDCC) will be the lead developer
 - Continued discussion with FRDR.
 - Goal of integrating Globus is to ease file transfer across the country where internet connectivity is variable. Policies on file size, Dataverse vs. FRDR will remain to be established. We want to avoid confusion.
 - iii. Renaming SP Dataverse Working Group
 - iv. Dataverse Non-Consortia Members Service Model Working Group
 - v. Upgrade planning
 - Some interesting new features around licensing, curation labels, anonymous review support
 - Some questions about embargo and communication in the tool
 - a. Can you share an embargoed file? No, but you could contact the author
 - b. Do you publish an embargoed file, yes this is published but it is embargoed.
 - c. Can you communicate with users in DV now? No, don't believe so, just to track this in the tool.
- CTS Project
 - i. CTS Canada cohort

- ii. SP DV CTS Cohort
- iii. Policies and guides
- Introducing the New User Guide
 - i. Shared User Guide
 - ii. Some details about common issues
 - iii. Question about guestbooks:
 - Yes there is a section, it tries to explain how to use this
 - iv. Question about markdown, so text can be scrapped and made into PDF on the fly...
 - This guide will be made available as a website on the SP learn site
 - Should be a button to save as PDF
 - v. Question about Admin Guide
 - This is coming next , stay tuned
 - vi. Information about the French translation, contact Jonathan!
 - vii. All the data and outputs from the User Guide screenshots and testing are available in the Algoma Demo Dataverse
 - viii. Deadline for feedback is January 14th, 2022
 - ix. More information will be provided shortly, can share with colleagues

3. Dataverse Community Updates

- Alliance-RDM webinar series “Dataverse in Canada: Leveraging an open data repository for research data stewardship”
- New Publications from Alliance-RDM
 - i. Dataverse Metadata Best Practices Guide (v.3)
 - Now includes guidance on all metadata blocks in the Dataverse platform
 - [French](#)
 - [English](#)
 - Produced by the [Dataverse North Metadata Group \(DNMG\)](#)
 - ii. Dataverse Curation Guide (v.1)
 - Provides guidance on how to curate a dataset in Dataverse based on your organization’s capacity levels
 - [English](#)
 - [French](#)
 - Produced by the [Dataverse Curation Expert Group \(CEG\)](#)
 - iii. Links to these will be provided from the platform and User Guide

4. Open Q&A:

- When is 5.9 planned for? Harvard hasn’t released this yet
- Embargo is part of 5.8 so SP could upgrade to this version, but we are waiting on confirmation from our systems team about when we can upgrade
- Some discussion about internationalization in the platform, text display of French and Inuktitut is working (obviously the interface is only available in English and French). Other scripts should not be a problem. :)

5. Next meeting: January 27, 2022 at 1PM Eastern (no meeting in December)

- Happy Holidays! Joyeuses Fêtes!