

Borealis Dataverse Community Meeting

Réunion des répondant.e.s institutionnel.le.s Borealis

2024-01-25

Links / Liens:

[Zoom registration link/lien d'inscription Zoom](#)


Hosts / Hôtes: Lina Harper (Alliance), John Huck (UofA), Amber Leahey (SP), Meghan Goodchild (Queen's/SP), Jonathan Dorey (INRS/SP)

Attendees / Participants: Lucia Costanzo (U of G), Anneliese Eber (UWaterloo), Eugene Barsky (UBC), Erin May (TRU), Brian Jackson (MRU), Dylanne Dearborn (U of T), Ruby Lindsay (Laurier), Danielle Dennie (Concordia), Michael Steeleworthy (Laurier), Jane Fry (Carleton), Irina Gherasim (Polytechnique Montréal), Siobhan Hanratty (UNB - GUEST), Alisa Rod (McGill University), Émilie Fortin (ULaval), Vanessa Ayotte (ÉTS), Isabelle Fontaine (UBishop's), Sandra Keys (Waterloo), Isabelle Chabot (ULaval), Prasun Lala (École de technologie supérieure), Shawna Kristin (University of the Fraser Valley), Krista Alexander (Concordia University Montreal), Danica Evering (McMaster University), Chris Hurst (Brandon University), Christie Hurrell (University of Calgary), Thomas Aubert (UQAR), Donna Sevenpifer (Fanshawe College), Susie Wilson (UNBC), Sacha Jerabek (UQAM), Sarah-Kim Poirier (UQAR), Janet Rothney (UManitoba), Ian Ingram (Sault College), Kelsey Poloney (University of Alberta), Carrie Breton (U of G), Virginie Paquet (Borealis/Udem), Martin Regimbald (UQO), Louise Gillis (Dalhousie), Jennifer Abel (UCalgary), Olivier Poirier (UQTR)

Number of participants / Nombre de participants: 60

Agenda & Notes / Ordre du jour et notes

1. Housekeeping / Entretien ménager

- Notetaker:
-  Borealis Dataverse Community Meeting - 2024-01-25 ;
- DV contacts resources [page](#)

2. Borealis Service Updates / Mise à jour de Borealis

- Icebreaker-brise-glace:
 - i. How much snow have you had to deal with so far this month? 46/46 (100)% answered
 - A lot: impossible to keep up with the shoveling
☁️ 13/46 (28)%
 - A snowflake here and there ❄️ 29/46 (63)%
 - What snow? 🧑‍❄️ 4/46 (9)%
- Welcome / Bienvenue
- Borealis updates / Mises à jour de Borealis
- Did you know?/Le saviez-vous?
 - i. Admin Groups / Groupe d'administration

3. Dataverse Community Updates / Mises à jour de la communauté Dataverse

- Upcoming events / Événements à venir
- Dataverse North Expert Group / Groupe d'experts Dataverse Nord
 - i. Dataverse Admin Survey Working Group / Groupe de travail Sondage auprès des administrateurs et administratrices de Dataverse au Canada
- Alliance Update / Mise à jour de l'Alliance
- Ice breaker/brise-glace 2:
 - i. Are you planning on going to Halifax May 28–31 for the IASSIST/CARTO, DLI, DRI Connect super event? // Envisagez-vous de vous rendre à Halifax du 28 au 31 mai pour le super événement IASSIST/CARTO, DLI, DRI Connect? 49/49 (100)% answered
 - I've already booked my tickets! // J'ai déjà réservé mes billets ! 9/49 (18)%
 - Maybe // Peut être 15/49 (31)%
 - I can't attend this year :(// Je ne peux pas y assister cette année :(21/49 (43)%
 - What do all those letters mean? // Que signifient toutes ces lettres ? 4/49 (8)%

4. Discussion and Q&A / Discussion et Q+R

- Community questions/Questions de la communauté
 - i. Management of Sub-collections
 - Danica shared some interesting considerations

Collections/Background: We've had quite a few requests recently from labs and research groups to set up a Dataverse within McMaster Dataverse. We've got 21 Collections, most of them set up in 2019 and before. We've had a few new ones, but they've been added on an ad-hoc basis.

Some of them are from labs, others are from projects, some from individual researchers. Active SEAL Collection which is managed by the Secure Empirical Analysis Lab - T3010 Canadian Charity Returns.
Restricted datasets.

Considering different angles - approval processes, onboarding training for an administrator (if necessary), content policies. We don't have a formal policy yet, and want to be intentional about onboarding new collections. UBC (Thanks Eugene!) and UCalgary (Thanks Jen!)

Considerations

- Curation for Sub-Collections
 - When Paul and Eugene feel a group is up to speed, they provide the team with a one-hour training and one-pager guides and monitor deposits.
 - Jen - Library maintains admin access, can provide training and curation as needed.
 - Will probably maintain admin access at Mac?
- Number of Sub-Collections
 - Library Admin effort? People asking us to grant or remove access to students.
 - But is it that different than a dataset, honestly?
 - If it encourages ownership and use, it feels better to just be open to this?
 - Could also save time over the long run if everything is clustered into one place.
- Onboarding Consultation
 - Seems essential!

- Jen - Consideration of growth potential vs. one-off deposit.
- Details to lay out expectations and limitations:
 - Reminder of Borealis incapacity to support PHI or sensitive data
 - Data Deposit Checklist - for PI and lab
<https://u.mcmaster.ca/depositchecklist> -
- Parameters of Dataverse/Collection: name, description, admin contact email, who should have submit access, what kind of data (sizes, types), data and frequency of deposit.
- Creating Draft Collections
 - What to do with draft collections that are never used?
- Policy Document
 - We have a Borealis Guideline that could maybe serve as the basis for a collections policy.
- Sidenote - Data scraping and use in LLMs etc.
- Could start with datasets and then transition into a sub-collection once they get to 4-5 by emailing the Borealis team w/datasets - Meghan says this is very easy on their side.