

Archivematica User Forum

Bi-monthly Call:

2025/04/03 @ 9:00 am Pacific / 12:00pm Eastern
/ 6:00pm Central European

Call info: Previous meeting minutes and agendas can be accessed via Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4hO2MJSeCa5cmtrclVMOVg0X00>

NOTE: NEW ZOOM LINK! (SEE BELOW)

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<https://sydarkivera-se.zoom.us/j/84504606321?pwd=QFyuJFBxLLb958FHqUJHmYTTkZRa4.1>

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- Meeting ID: 84504606321
- Passcode: cjCH3D

Participants

Please add your name and/or institution below:

1. Name, Affiliation, Country
2. Karin Bredenberg, Kommunalförbundet Sydarkivera, Sweden
3. Dan Noonan, Ohio State, US
4. Daniel Weddington, National Agricultural Library, U.S. Department of Agriculture, US
5. Liam Lloyd-Tucker, Permanent Legacy Foundation, US
6. Ima Oduok, Rockefeller Archive Center, USA
7. Iva Bogdanova, Swiss Federal Archives, Switzerland
8. Elizabeth-Anne Johnson, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, Canada
9. Dina Sokolova, Columbia University, US

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- 10. Matilda Petersson, Kommunalförbundet Sydarkivera, Sweden
- 11. Julie Shi, Scholars Portal, Canada
- 12. Emily Cunningham, The New School, US
- 13. Panna Liptak, CERN, Switzerland
- 14. Diana Rand, CERN, Switzerland
- 15. Kethsana Muong, EPFL, Switzerland

Agenda Items and meeting notes

- Convener is Karin Bredenberg and Matilda Petersson
- Hellos and assign note-taker (convener) - *5 min*
 - *Notetaker is: All*
- Welcome - intros for new folks & roll call: name, institution - *5 min*
- Logistics:
 - Convener for the next meeting - Sydarkivera
 - DATES IN 2025 (next meeting in bold):
 - February 6
 - April 3
 - **June 5**
 - August 7
 - October 2
 - December 4
- Topic(s) of the day:
 - Scalability
 - Sydarkivera
 - Have had issues with scalability with more than 5.000 files, it has just stopped ingesting
 - A new server has been setup with default installation, the automatic one and no changes beside more memory for the Vagrant instance and we have now managed to ingest about 100.000 files.
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- And 250 GB as disk space
 - Columbia increased the timeouts for everything which has solved their issues with the stopping
 - Number of subfolders can also be stopping
 - Columbia, Tiff files is creating a lot of info which makes it taking longer time and more info in the METS file
 - Video/Audio is easier since there is not that much metadata saved from them.
 - All packages at the same time or one after another?
 - In this new server it doesnt matter the old one didn't like either way
- Archivematica Proof of Concept via AWS at Ohio State - Dan Noonan
 - Plan to use instead of a homegrown system
 - The report will be available go.osu.edu/Gray-Repo-Wiki
 - Have had meetings with AWS and they informed about their work with integrating to Archivematica
 - Instance up and running since November 2024
 - Started of with default workflow
 - Created tests
 - Have an internal report that will be presented publicly next week on the work and recommend that they will not be using Archivematica due to it not being able to replace their own tool. With that it's not a bad tool but not the right one for Ohio State at this time.
 - Aspects of their own workflow could not be recreated with Archivematica
 - The interface is not totally intuitive
 - Have legal requirements to identify personally identifiable information (PII) that is not being recorded by Bulk Extractor, and Bulk Extractor's parameters cannot be adjusted within Archivematica, as we can in our manual workflow
 - Some info about the SIP/AIP is not shown, some is shown in the appraisal tab but not in the archival storage tab
 - Use DROID before ingest and want to use info from there and reuse and show but its not shown after the AIP has been created

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- Archivematica creates numerous logs, however some seem superfluous, e.g. FileUUIDs.log notes each UUID that is generated, but doesn't relate it to the file it is generated for.
- Files are stored in UUID quad directory set. While they understand some systems need this, why is it the default setting, not optional. In our environment it creates an unnecessary complexity of file storage.
- A useful thing for other institutions is the dashboard for the archival storage. If you have a storage that is accessible by the storage service, you can actually search over all the stored content, however Ohio State uses Fedora, and there is no integration with Fedora.
 - Will continue to use their own tool but the future might bring something else!
- Continuation with reports and examples of Reports and Audit Trails
 - This topic will be removed
- Other questions
 - Storage, how does it look, what is being used? AWS, what else, experiences and do and don'ts
 - A topic to discuss?!
 - Checksums with AWS, working with their own solution, can be presented upon after more testing and evaluation have been done Charlie, MIT
 - <https://ipres2024.pubpub.org/pub/d3akwsah/release/1> paper about checksums in the cloud given at iPres last year
 - Ontario Library Research cloud is using DuraCloud and fixity checks
 - Texas Digital Library might have some insights
 - AWS is being used as a staging area
 - Sydarkivera is off-line so the Archivematica internal service is used
- **TO DO:** *Be Sure to submit topics for future discussions and meetings, especially those who are just starting out, submit questions so that some of the more seasoned users can answer those questions

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- Verify Convener for next call on **June 5, 2025 6PM Central European / 12 PM Eastern / 9 AM Pacific - 5 min**
 - Next convener will be: **Sydarkivera**
 - Link to email reminder text and suggested listservs: [Meeting reminder to be sent via listserv announcement](#)
- Potential topics for June 6, 2025 call
 - **Suggested Topics:** see today's topics if something remains and also add new ones in this list!
 - Suggest topics here!
 - Storage, how does it look, what is being used? AWS, what else, experiences and do and don'ts
 - Experiences with unpacking AIP? Problems?
 - Migration of AIP:s into a new instance