

# Member Newsletter content, November 2018

Dear Friends,

November highlights include community and project-focused activities and news about the future of DuraSpace leadership:

- I'm happy to announce I was [appointed the DuraSpace Executive Director](#) this month. I'm looking forward to connecting with members at the CNI fall meeting in Washington, D.C. and would love to hear from members before then too. Having emerged from our transition period, the entire team is excited to move ahead with our good work and look ahead to the future of the organization.
- DSpace, Fedora and VIVO Leadership Group chairs discuss priorities here (to come).
- Fedora 5.0 is currently in [release testing](#).
- The 2019 North American DSpace User Group Meeting will be held at the University of Minnesota (dates pending).
- We welcomed our newest DuraCloud customer, the State Library of Ohio.

Thank you for supporting our work on these and other initiatives aimed at providing enduring access to the world's digital heritage.

Warm regards,

Erin Tripp

Executive Director

## 2018 Membership Campaign



As of October 31 we concluded the formal activities for the 2018-19 Membership Campaign. We are thrilled to report that with the help of 193 members contributing \$1,127,773 we came within \$13,000 of our overall goal. Many thanks to all our members who renewed their membership and to the 42 institutions who joined DuraSpace for the first time as new members. Here's where we ended up by project:

Total: \$1,127,773; 193 unique members; 99% of goal

- DSpace: \$309,524; 89 members; 120% of goal
- Fedora: \$508,167; 74 members; 89% of goal
- VIVO: \$209,083; 25 members; 100% of goal
- General: \$101,000; 21 members; 97% of goal

For a full list of members visit: [bit.ly/2018-19\\_members](https://bit.ly/2018-19_members)

## A Members-Only Hot Topics Webinar

On Wednesday, December 5th at 12:00 p.m. EST, our Hot Topics Series, "The Revolution Will Be Open?" will conclude. Members are invited to [register](#) for, "How For-Profit Companies Can Be a Part of the Open Environment." In this webinar, we'll explore how for-profit business models can be compatible while participating in the Open Access revolution. Please join us to hear from Brian Hole, Ubiquity; Andrew Smeal, Hindawi, and Anita Bandrowski, SciCrunch as they discuss their organizations' roles in the world of open scholarly infrastructure and how their work can benefit the scholarly communication community while both keeping open the infrastructure that they provide and operating in a for-profit mode. [Register today!](#) A special thanks to David Lewis and Michael Roy the curators of this series and to all of the webinar series presenters and participants. The recordings and presentation slides of this series are available at <https://duraspace.org/webinar/>.

## Country-specific Webinar

On November 14th there was the second webinar specifically dedicated to the Brazilian DSpace community. With the support of [NEKI IT, a Certified DSpace Contributor](#), the webinar offered the opportunity to the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul to present [LUME](#), the digital repository they developed to allow access to their digital collections of materials. The webinar was very well attended, with over 35 attendees discussing with LUME's team their approach in implementing repository functionalities, and the lessons learned. Additional information about the webinar, slides and recording can be found on the official [DSpace Brazilian User Group WIKI pages](#).

**Where We'll Be (please update with upcoming engagements through Dec.)**

- SWIB, Bonn, Germany, Nov. 26-28 - David
- CNI, Washington, DC, Dec. 10-11 - Erin, David
- First Indian DSpace User Group Meeting, New Delhi (India), Dec 3-4 - Erin (remote participation)