

2019-05-03 DSpace Leadership Group Meeting

Attendees

- ~~Pascal Nicolas Becker (The Library Code)~~
- Allan Bell (University of British Columbia Library)
- ~~John Butler (University of Minnesota)~~
- ~~David Corbly (University of Oklahoma)~~
- Lieven Droogmans (Atmire)
- Federico Ferrario / ~~Roberto Suardi~~ (Cineca)
- Scott Hanrath (University of Kansas)
- ~~Barbara Hirschmann (ETH Zurich)~~
- Jyrki Ilva (National Library of Finland) [blocked URL](#)
- Salwa Ismail (Georgetown University)
- ~~Inba Kehoe (University of Victoria)~~
- Pierre Lasou (Université Laval)
- ~~Agustina Martinez Garcia (University of Cambridge)~~
- ~~Joao Mendes Moreira (Foundation of Science and Technology Portugal)~~
- Susanna Mornati (4Science)
- César Olivares (CONCYTEC)
- Kristi Palmer (Indiana University Purdue University Indiana)
- ~~Kristi Park (Texas Digital Library)~~
- Jordan Pišanc (University of Trieste)
- ~~Beate Rajski (Hamburg University of Technology)~~
- ~~Maureen Walsh (The Ohio State University Libraries)~~
- ~~Andrew Weaver (Washington State University Libraries)~~
- Tim Donohue - DuraSpace
- Heather Greer Klein - DuraSpace
- Michele Mennielli - DuraSpace
- ~~Erin Tripp - DuraSpace~~

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Agenda

| # | Time | Item | Information | Who |
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| 1 | 15 | Finalization of the MOU | | Salwa and everyone |
| 2 | 15 | Update on DSpace 7 | | Tim |
| 3 | 15 | SG/LG membership rotation | https://duraspace.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/DuraSpace-Membership.pdf | Mic |
| 4 | 10 | Update on the DSpace/Google Scholar webinar | | Mic |
| 5 | 5 | Other business | Plan S and ORCID+DSpace | everyone |

NOTES:

1. Finalization of the MOU

- a. Salwa noted that there were two more issues that needed attention
 - i. Her suggestion on changing the paragraph on governance was accepted
 - ii. The text will need to be reviewed by a lawyer to make sure that it's properly formulated
- b. Michele suggested that the text should be clarified on the participation of the DuraSpace international staff members in the governance meetings
 - i. Salwa will add some text on this
- c. Other last-minute comments can be still sent to Salwa
- d. Salwa will send the text as an email to the leadership group, after which it will be voted on
- 2. Update on DSpace 7
 - a. According to Tim, the basic situation is pretty much the same that was presented in the April SG meeting
 - b. The preview version is not out yet, but it should be out next week
 - i. There have been two blockers because of which it hasn't been completed so far
 - 1. Submission interfaces - these are now mostly complete - should be ready today or on Monday
 - 2. Configurable entities
 - a. There has been controversy around the existing implementation
 - b. The review process has taken far longer than anticipated
 - ii. Heather noted that there is an announcement about the preview version that is ready to go once it's available
 - c. There will be another review round before Open Repositories
 - i. The system will need to be polished for the first training sessions at OR
 - d. After OR Tim and Heather will work on building a better estimation process using new techniques
 - i. Before we have better estimates, it's hard to say whether the final release will come out in the fall or towards the winter
 - e. The development of DSpace 7 has been a learning process in many respects
 - i. There have been delays which are related to DSpace being a community project, but there is also growing professionalism
 - 1. The new major features were already there in January, but they have been reviewed and polished
 - 2. 4Science, Atmire and other code providers have done a lot of work
 - ii. Lieven noted that there has been a lot of reviewing going on
 - 1. The positive side is that the code base is now very well reviewed and tested, with two reviewers for everything instead of just one
 - 2. The release is expected to be more stable early on than some of the previous new versions
 - iii. Tim pointed out that this is the first major release with test-driven development
 - 1. This makes it likely that the timeline between the beta and final versions will be shorter
 - iv. The final product - with many new features - will be exciting
 - 1. In terms of code changes DSpace 7 has been a bigger project than DSpace 3-6 combined
- 3. SG/LG membership rotation
 - a. The term of the current LG will end in June
 - i. The annual election process will need to be started soon
 - b. Michele explained the background for this process
 - i. The current governance structure was accepted by the old DSpace Steering Group in May, 2018
 - ii. Instead of using a standard DuraSpace model the SG decided to adjust some of the criteria for LG membership
 - 1. This was done mainly because DSpace has very few platinum members (currently three + the German consortium) and lots of smaller organizations on the lower levels
 - 2. Otherwise the LG would have been a significantly smaller and less representative group
 - c. The LG must decide whether we will continue with the current model or whether we go back to the standard DuraSpace structure
 - i. There have been no major changes since 2018 in the number of DSpace members - keeping the current structure will generate the same number of leaders
 - 1. If we want to keep a large number of leaders, we should keep the current system
 - 2. If we want to reduce the number, we should go back to the original model
 - ii. It has been suggested that the diversity of the current governance members is one of the main strengths of the DSpace community
 - iii. The governance structure is also an important piece of information for the membership renewal process - there have been questions about this
 - d. We should make this decision by e-mail, so that this don't have to wait until the next meeting
 - i. Salwa will help Michele in creating an e-mail to the leaders about this
 - e. The Steering group will continue in its present form until August and will take care of the community issues while the elections are going on
 - i. The term for each of the SG members is three years
 - ii. Since the current group was created only last year, three of the nine SG members are expected to step down this year
 - 1. The SG will have to identify these people before August
 - f. Since this is the last LG meeting for Salwa who is moving to another organization, Jyrki and Michele will need to discuss who will chair the June LG meeting
- 4. Update on the DSpace/Google Scholar webinars
 - a. Michele reported that there have been two webinars organized already, for Brazil and Peru
 - i. Both of these were successful, especially the Peruvian one, which had lots of questions and discussion
 - ii. César echoed Michele's assessment of the Peruvian webinar - it was a great experience, with participants from other Latin American countries as well
 - b. There will be another webinar next week for the national nodes of the LA Referencia network
 - i. LA Referencia will coordinate efforts throughout Latin America
 - c. There are further plans to organize similar webinars for both European countries (Italy, Germany), African countries (Ghana, Malawi) and possibly for India as well

- i. Canada and the US might also be possible, if there is interest
 - d. Michele noted that LA Referencia is interested in having more structured co-operation with DSpace
 - i. Michele and Erin will meet the LA Referencia people in a COAR meeting
 - ii. The ideas from the meeting will be reported to the DSpace governance
- 5. Other business
 - a. Plan S and DSpace
 - i. There has been discussion on whether the DSpace community should issue a statement on Plan S and whether it's planning to support the (still unfinished) practical guidelines
 - ii. Tim has reviewed the guidelines from the DSpace point of view - the Fedora community has also done this
 - iii. Tim noted that the COAR statement on the guidelines was very well written, and the feedback from the DSpace community would be closely aligned with it
 - 1. Jyrki mentioned that there has been some rumors of a new version of the Plan S guidelines coming out possibly later in May; should we wait for these?
 - iv. It was agreed that we should work together with COAR on this and promote joint statements, which are aligned with the Next Generation Repositories ideas
 - 1. There has already been some preliminary discussion with Kathleen Shearer
 - b. ORCID and DSpace
 - i. Since the meeting ran out of time, there was no time to discuss this topic
 - ii. Salwa will send an e-mail about this to the LG members