2019 Fedora Leadership Group Election

The following Fedora community members were nominated for the 2019 Fedora Leadership Group election. There were slightly fewer nominees than open seats, so the Fedora Leadership Group voted to elect all of the nominees to the group for a one-year term.

Bronze Members

Name	Organization	Title /Role	Personal Statement
Melissa Anez	Islandora Foundation	Project and Community Manager	As the Project & Community Manager for the Islandora Foundation, I have worked with Fedora since 2012. During that time, I have worked with the Islandora developer and adopter community to manage the challenges of transitioning Islandora from Fedora 3 to Fedora 4 and beyond, while continuing to advance Fedora as a key component of Islandora. In the wake of the recent release of the first version of Islandora to be fully compatible with Fedora 5, I will be actively working with our community to support migration, and consulting and responding to their needs and concerns for future versions of Fedora, especially Fedora 6 (and OCFL). In taking a place on the Leadership Group I would look to represent the Islandora community in Fedora's strategic goals, and to better communicate the Fedora roadmap and its benefits to the Islandora community.
Chris Awre	University of Hull	Head of Information Services	As a long-term adopter of Fedora (since 2005), and advocate for its use in the UK, I have championed the benefits of Fedora as a digital repository platform and supported those exploring its use for a variety of different purposes. I believe in the repository platform being considered as infrastructure rather than application, and seek to refresh how repositories are viewed institutionally to better establish them in this way. I am also a founder member of the Hydra Project (now Samvera Community) in 2008 and recognise the important link between Fedora and the services making use of it to exploit its capabilities as a key element of the future of Fedora. In continuing with a role on the Leadership Group I would look to better understand and support the development of the community as it moves to Fedora 6, highlighting the strengths that make Fedora a valuable investment.
Thomas Bernhart	Docuteam GmbH	Project Manager	I have been working for Docuteam since 2014. Docuteam is a provider for archiving and information management services in Switzerland that implements digital archives with Fedora in Europe, mostly in Switzerland. We started using Fedora in 2009 and, since then, have created a set of open source Java/Ruby applications to provide ingest operations and handle submission and dissemination information packages. We've prepared to move on to Fedora 4, but postponed finalizing and migrating several times based on the Fedora roadmap. One of our main goals for the nearer future is to migrate our infrastructure to Fedora 6, which is why we're eager to participate in early adopter tests - especially for migration from 3 to 6. We're also working on a fully linked data-based standard for archival descriptions and a software stack that implements/uses this standard on top of Fedora. I've always been very interested in open source software projects, and I would be happy to contribute to the future development of the Fedora project. I have a good overview of the needs of digital archives which I'm happy to feed back into the fedora community.

Silver Members

Name	Organization	Title /Role	Personal Statement
Raman Ganguly	University of Vienna	Head of Software Development	Since 2007, the University of Vienna has been using Fedora as a repository for a wide variety of data. We developed a repository ecosystem called Phaidra, which is open to all members (including students) of the university to manage data for long-term preservation. I work in the central computer center as the technical director of Phaidra, which is an open source project and used by 20 institutions in 5 European countries. Fedora is the base of Phaidra, and we are still using 3.8, but we already have migration plans. As soon as we finished the migration, we will roll out the newer version to the Phaidra community in Austria. I am also involved in data management for research and education at our university and in this role and work closely with the library to support research projects. The experiences are the primary source for improvement of Phaidra. To become a more comprehensive view, I participate in national and international projects for research data management. So I am the technical director of Open Education Austria which is funded by the Austrian ministry. I am the board member of RDA (Research Data Alliance) Austria and co-chair of the interest group RDM (Research Data Management) at COAR (Confederation of Open Access Repositories).
Scott Prater	University of Wisconsin-Madison	Digital Library Analyst	I am the Digital Library Analyst for the University of Wisconsin General Library System, responsible for managing and developing our repository and digital preservation ecosystem. I have been involved with the Fedora community as a "power user" and advocate since 2005, including stints as a committer for the 3.x versions, a documentation writer, a tester for releases, and an early contributor to the Fedora 4 and OCFL efforts. Most recently, I have served on the Advisory Committee for the IMLS-funded "Designing a Migration Path" grant project for mapping out strategies to encourage and support the user community move to Fedora 6 and beyond. My ambition as a leadership member would be to help ensure that the community (actual and potential) has the tools, resources, and most importantly, confidence it needs to deploy and manage Fedora to meet memory institution digital curation and preservation goals now and in the future.
Wei Xuan	University of Manitoba	Head, Libraries Systems	I am the Head of Libraries Systems at University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada. In my role, I work with several support staff to take care of all systems used at the Libraries, which include Fedora, Islandora, DSpace, Dataverse, Alma, Primo, etc. The University of Manitoba Libraries has been a supporter of Fedora for many years. I would like to take this opportunity to get more engaged with the community. I have been deeply involved in numerous projects focused on systems interoperability, data protection and accessibility. As an example, I lead a project to set up the OAI-PMH harvest to integrate Fedora, DSapce and Primo. I attended the Fedora workshop at this year's Open Repositories conference in Hamburg, Germany. I consistently obtain knowledge from the Fedora community and joining the leadership group will be a great way to give back. Thank you very much for your consideration of my candidacy.

Gold Members

Name	Organization	Title /Role	Personal Statement
Rosalyn Metz	Emory University	Director of Library Technology and Digital Strategies	I am the Director of Library Technology and Digital Strategies at Emory University in Atlanta. I currently hold the position of Chair-Elect on Fedora Steering. Ultimately, we seek to preserve content for all of the libraries, archives, and museums on campus. I have been involved in digital repositories and digital preservation in various roles throughout my career and I am Chair-Elect for Fedora Steering, a member of Samvera Steering, and part of OCFL's Editorial Group. As an active member in the library open source space, I believe it is up to cultural heritage institutions that support Fedora to ensure its long-term stewardship and continued success well into the future.
Tim Shearer	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Associate University Librarian for Digital Strategies and IT	UNC Libraries have been using Fedora as the core technology in the Carolina Digital Repository since 2010. We have just released a new version of our institutional repository using Hyrax 2.4 and Fedora 4.7, at the same time converting from a local data model to PCDM. With a target release of late 2019, we are also working towards a refreshed repository for our library managed collections. This will also involve a conversion from a local data model to PCDM and we are targeting Fedora 5 as the foundational technology. In addition to being DuraSpace members, we have been engaged in the Fedora community and contributed developer time to Fedora 3, 4, and 5 as well as to the Samvera and Hyrax communities. UNC's commitment to DuraSpace, Fedora, and the Samvera community has only grown with the relatively recent adoption of an Open Access policy for the UNC's campus. Tim Shearer is Associate University Librarian for Digital Strategies and IT and is ultimately responsible for repository development at Carolina. He has served on both Fedora Leaders and Fedora Steering.
Dustin Slater	University of Texas at Austin	Assistant Director of Information Technology	I have over 20 years of experience in IT working in a variety of roles. I moved into a High Ed role 15 years ago and have spent the last 10 year leading the development of enterprise applications. At the UT Libraries I lead a diverse group of IT professionals with a focus of creating highly productive and effective cross-functional teams, which includes helpdesks, desktop support, network operations, application development, and IT management. It has been my pleasure to have been a part of the Fedora Leadership group over the last year, and would love to continue in that role.
Tammy Allgood Wolf	Arizona State University	Director of Online Strategy	My record demonstrates 17 years of professional experience in an extremely large academic library system (104,000 FTE). I am currently responsible for the strategic vision of repository systems, web applications and discovery systems for 9 libraries on 5 campuses. I have a strong overall understanding of many repository platforms, metadata, discovery and user experience. We are currently migrating from a homegrown repository platform into Islandora 8 with Fedora.

At-Large Community Members

Name	Organization	Title /Role	Personal Statement
Stefano Cossu	J. Paul Getty Trust	Software Architect	I spent 6 years at the Art Institute of Chicago as the Director of Application Services, Collections where I introduced Fedora as well as other open source technologies and data preservation strategies for the museum's cataloging systems and DAMS. Recently I moved to the Getty trust where I oversee and develop a large-scale IIIF architecture, however I have maintained my interest in data repositories and Fedora by participating in the Fedora Steering group and developing a Fedora implementation in my spare time. As a former Fedora Leaders chair and a member of the Fedora governance since 2015, as well as a representative of the museum sector in the Fedora community, I have been deeply involved in collaborating to face the technical and community-related challenges encountered in these recent years and to build a long-term strategy and vision for Fedora as a software product, an API specification and a community. I hope to continue serving this leadership group as a community representative and to enrich the strategic dialogue with use cases from my current institution.
Dan Field	National Library of Wales	Head of Software Development	I am the Head of Software Development at the National Library of Wales where I have been in direct contact with Fedora for 14 years since we first adopted. As an institution, we have previously held Platinum membership although, for financial reasons this has since ceased, however, we are looking at this again. We are also a founding member of the IIIF consortium. Like many, we are currently still on version 3.8.1 of Fedora but are mid-migration planning for an upgrade to 5.1 and beyond within the next 6 months. We are already re-engaging with the community having attended both Fedora Camp Atlanta and Open Repositories this year myself with several co-workers also in attendance. I feel We as an institution boast a large 4 million object repository with diversely modelled cultural collections from Newspapers, Journals, Photographs, Archives, Wills, Maps and more. Our experience in building rich custom interfaces with IIIF and Solr along with bespoke workflows built on Camel, microservices and integration with many other popular Library software solutions from Ex Libris (Alma, Primo), Artifactual (Atom, Archivematica) gives us a great platform to contribute back to the community both our knowledge and experience. We also hope to offer developer resources to future sprints or spin-off projects as required. Alongside my repository experience, I also have an interest in DevOps and Ethical Hacking/Web Application Security