

# Member Newsletter, outline/content, November 2016

*DuraSpace Membership Newsletter*  
November 17, 2016

## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

As we approach the holidays DuraSpace will conclude work on our strategic plan. As part of the process we have conducted internal and external assessments to position ourselves and you, our community, to meet the challenges in preserving and making accessible our collective digital memory. As we are all aware the digital scholarly research landscape is affected by political, social and technical changes. Our strategic plan aims to evolve the DuraSpace business model to keep pace.

We look forward to sharing this plan with you and discussing opportunities at the DuraSpace Member Summit in the spring. Although our official membership drive draws to a close, we will welcome new members at any time. Please, continue to recruit your peers to participate in our community and let DuraSpace know what we can do to help engage with those not yet involved in community-supported open source software development of the DSpace, Fedora and VIVO platforms.

I wish you all a warm and happy Thanksgiving!

Debra Hanken Kurtz

CEO

## 2016 Membership update

Although we welcome new members year-round, our formal 2016 membership campaign concluded last month. Many thanks to our members renewed their membership for 2016 and to those who have joined DuraSpace for the first time as new members. Here is where we landed compared to our annual targets:

Total: \$1,178,750; 159 members; 94% of target

- DSpace: \$248,250; 92% of target
- Fedora: \$564,750; 97% of target
- VIVO: \$270,750; 84% of target
- General: \$95,000; 119% of target

## PROJECTS

### FEDORA

#### Fedora 4.6.1; Proposals for Open Repositories 2017 Fedora IG; Fedora API Extension Architecture (API-X) ready for feedback

The Fedora Team is pleased to release the Fedora 4.6.1 patch which resolves two issues: concurrent creation of repository resources may introduce an invalid state and; upgrade to Modeshape 4.6.2. [Read more here.](#)

The Fedora track at Open Repositories 2017 will showcase presentations, panels, demonstrations, and project updates. [Read the full call for proposals here.](#)

Discoverygarden and DuraSpace are set to host three digital repository-related New York City events: [Fedora Camp in New York City](#), hosted by Columbia University Libraries will take place November 28-30, 2016—single day rates available; Discovery Garden and DuraSpace will co-host an Islandora/Fedora social on the evening of November 29 at 6:30 pm. and; Discovery Garden will host an event on November 30 at the New York Academy of Medicine called "Hello Islandora: Building a Digital Repository." [Read more here.](#)

The Fedora API Extension Architecture (API-X) working group has been planning a milestone release and associated demo of the API-X framework and an assortment of extensions. Please participate in evaluation and feedback. [Read more here.](#)

### DSPACE

#### Proposals for Open Repositories 2017 DSpace IG; DCAT and DSpace 7.0; DSpace builders

To support the development of DSpace 7.0 which will implement Angular 2 as the new technology for the DSpace UI, replacing both JSPUI and XMLUI in DSpace 7, DCAT (DSpace Community Advisory Team) is organizing a DSpace 7 UI Outreach Group. The aim of the group is to keep organize and process community feedback of to help development teams focus on development. [Read more here.](#)

The OR2017 DSpace Interest Group program committee invites you to submit Interest Group proposals. This is a unique opportunity to meet and share experiences with other DSpace users and developers from around the world in Brisbane, Australia. Whether you're a developer, researcher, repository manager, administrator or practitioner, we would like to hear from you. [Read more here.](#)

A large international community of DSpace committers contribute to advancing the platform—[learn more about them here](#). Recently the DSpace committer team welcomed Art Lowel from Atmire. Art has been the driving force behind the Mirage 1 and 2 themes for XMLUI. He submitted an Ember JS prototype in last year's [UI prototype challenge](#) and was instrumental in the development of the [Angular 2 UI prototype](#). Additionally, he will be leading the UI team for DSpace 7. [Read more here.](#)

### VIVO

#### VIVO 2017 Conference news; VIVO 1.10 planning; social media and VIVO

2017 Conference Vice Chairs will join 2017 Conference chair [Alex Viggio](#) and Conference Program chair [Violeta Ilik](#) as they lead preparations for next year's conference. [Paul Albert](#) of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City has agreed to serve as conference vice chair. [Eric Meeks](#) of the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) has agreed to serve as program vice chair.

**The** is hard at work preparing next year's conference. If you would like to join the [VIVO 2017 Conference Planning Task Force](#) please contact [Alex Viggio](#). We look forward to seeing you in New York in 2017!

The [Development Interest Group](#) continues its review of [VIVO 1.10 Release Planning](#), [JIRAs related to the development](#), and the work of [task forces contributing to the development](#). All developers are welcome to join this effort.

There are several ways to keep in touch with VIVO developments on social media. Follow @vivocollab on Twitter. With more than 1,000 followers you will see VIVO news and updates as they happen and you'll see partners sharing news with our community. Join us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/vivocollab>. All VIVO tweets go to Facebook, so you won't miss a thing. Join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VIVOcollaboration>.

## SERVICES

Cloud-based web services from DuraSpace are an excellent choice to streamline your institution's digital workflow. These affordable services are built on solid open source software platforms and require very little effort to start up.

DuraSpace web services include [ArchivesDirect](#), [DSpaceDirect](#), and [DuraCloud](#). DuraSpace staff experts work directly with service customers to provide personalized on-boarding processes and superb customer support. Our services can provide open access to institutional resources, preservation of treasured collections, and simplified data management tools.

Contact [customersupport@duraspace.org](mailto:customersupport@duraspace.org) to learn more about any of the web services DuraSpace offers.

## WHERE WE'LL BE

**LITA Forum**, Nov 17-20, 2016, David Wilcox

**Fedora Camp NYC**, Nov 28-30, 2016 Andrew Woods, David Wilcox

**CNI Fall Membership Meeting**, Dec12-13, 2016, Debra Hanken Kurtz, Andrew Woods, David Wilcox