

DataCite UK Consortium activities

*DataCite Consortium Lead Office Hours
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*These slides (and others)
at jezcope.gitlab.io/bl-presentations*

Overview

- About the UK Consortium
- Meetings & webinars
- Consortium Advisory Board
- What next?

DataCite in the UK

- British Library a founding partner in DataCite in 2009/10
- Consistent growth over 10 years
- Includes HEIs, cultural heritage organisations, government- and charity-funded research institutions

UK DataCite Consortium in numbers

Open to UK universities and research(-supporting) organisations

- 111 Consortium Members with 165 Repositories
- 719,690 Findable DOIs of 50,415,139 total for DataCite
 - 62,199 in 2022
 - 55,442 so far in 2023...

As of 27 September 2023

Annual consortium meetings

Summer Member Meeting

- Open to current & potential members
- Hosted at BL (later hybrid)
- Updates from BL, DataCite
- Presentations from members and other stakeholders

Winter Webinar

- Smaller scale
- Focus on a specific topic

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Membership

- Key stakeholders in DOI implementation
- Cross-section of different types of member organisation
- Selected sector bodies (e.g. Jisc, Wellcome)

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Goals

- Learn about relevant issues on the horizon from our members
- Gain early feedback on proposed changes, e.g.
 - Contract updates for new membership model implementation
 - Associated new cost structure
- Provide transparency on decision-making that affects members

Consortium Advisory Board

Progress

- Not a formal governance group: advice not considered "binding"
- Highly successful in shaping our implementation of new membership model
 - Several potential issues with contracts & comms identified early

Current status

- A lot's happened in the last 4 years!
 - Complete overhaul of DataCite membership structure and cost model
 - A global pandemic...
 - *Also a few other internal changes*
- CAB currently on hiatus
- Summer meetings 100% online since 2020
- Winter webinars replaced with occasional "focus" webinars
 - E.g. DOIs for theses

Looking ahead

- Online meetings working well
 - Easier for members to attend (no travel cost)
 - Easier for us to organise than hybrid (plus lower hosting cost)
 - Greater flexibility in presenters, including international
- Replace annual cycle with rolling webinar program
 - Focused webinars on key issues seem more useful
- Review Terms of Reference and restart CAB in 2024

Thank
you

