DOI Desk – Newsletter

Dear Clients, Dear Readers

The DOI registration agency DataCite is growing and maturing as an organisation and in today's newsletter we have some exiting news about new DataCite staff and services.

We also announce two important technical changes that concern our active DOI clients. These changes will be launched in the DOI Management web application in December, so please be sure to read through the detailed information below to understand their impact.

New mandatory property "Resource Type"

At its last General Assembly DataCite approved a major change to the DataCite Metadata Schema that will be launched with version 4.0 of the schema in the beginning of 2016. With this change it will be mandatory for all DOI clients to specify the resourceType of each DOI within the associated metadata set.
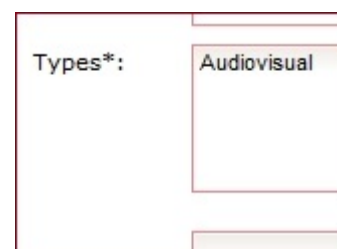
The DOI Desk has tried to make it as easy as possible for our clients to comply with this new requirement:

From December 8th, clients using the manual registration workflow are required to provide a resourceType upon DOI registration by choosing from a list of values provided in the "Types" field.

Clients using the automatic registration process have two options: To provide resourceType values themselves or to use a default value for every DOI within their DOI Pool.

We will contact all clients affected by this change individually within the next days to explain the change in more detail in order to find the best solution for your needs.

DOI Management web application ➜

New mechanism for missing mandatory properties

Following the decision to generate default values for DOIs without resourceType, we have also adapted the behaviour of the DOI Management web application for other missing mandatory values. With the changes launched on December 8th, we are beginning to export DOIs to DataCite, even if a mandatory value is still missing.

The mechanism is documented in the new version of the DOI Registration Manual in chapter 5.3.

DOI Registration Manual ➜

DataCite: New Director, new staff, new blog

During the last months DataCite has expanded its team with two new staff members: Martin Fenner has joined as Technical Director and Laura Rueda as Communications Director.

In October, Patricia (Trisha) Cruse has been appointed as DataCite's new Executive Director. Trisha joins DataCite after working at the California Digital Library where she founded the University of California Curation Center and oversaw strategy and development for their data management program.

With new staff on board, DataCite has also launched a number of new communication channels, including a blog.

DataCite Blog ➜

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