Engaging Researchers with Research Data

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Background

Gap between perceived benefit of data sharing and actual practice

It is the job of RDM service providers to help shrink this gap via engagement with researchers.

Goals

Help institutions increase engagement with RDM among researchers

- Gather RDM activities from research institutions
- Categorise and synthesise activities
- Publish activities in order to allow evaluation and reuse by interested parties
- Format of publication: textbook and web-based portal
Project group and activity

- Project leader: Marta Teperek (TU Delft)
- Steering board to advise on the project
- 30 + project members from 3 continents
- January-February 2019: Survey invitation sent out
- March 2019: Data analysis discussions
Data + Analysis

- Contacted 60 funders, 80 scientific institutions, and used 28 mailing lists
- 216 responses, 88 described their activities
- 50 unique scientific institutions
- Team is categorizing the responses by activity and purpose
- Post categorization, will request more information via email
Website

- Presenting information about the project, team, data and data analysis
- The data will be distributed over a repository and linked to the website
- Find a place on RDA for the website
- Data will be in a git repository
- The website is under construction and will come soon
Next steps

● Split data analysis into qualitative (case studies) and quantitative branches
● Full report hopefully to be presented in Helsinki @ RDA 14th plenary
● Dissemination: Results will be disseminated via a textbook, and a searchable website
● RDA: Join the BoF Research Data Management in Institutions initiative?
Survey Still Open!

- Collect more case studies to increase database
- One activity per survey entry to facilitate categorisation

https://www.1ka.si/a/193487
RDA Researcher Engagement Project

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Steering Board

Lauren Cadwallader, Julien Colomb, Maria Cruz, Mary Donaldson, Lambert Heller, Rosie Higman, Elli Papadopoulou, Vanessa Proudman, James Savage, Marta Teperek

Project group members