



CONNECTING RESEARCH,
ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE

Webinar: **DataCite Membership Essentials**

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Introduction to DataCite

Our mission

Connecting research, advancing knowledge

Our vision

A trusted metadata foundation for open research
— built by, for, and with the global community.

Why we're here

Research goes beyond publications. It deserves to be recognized.

DataCite infrastructure exists to make all research outputs, resources, and activities more visible and more impactful.

The DataCite community formed to make this infrastructure more powerful, together.

Who we are

More than a service provider – a **community partner**.

Non-profit organization **governed and guided by our members**.

A **foundational global resource** – infrastructure and metadata trusted and accessible worldwide.

A **leader and collaborator** in advancing open research.

Trusted by the global research community



1700+

Organizations



70+

Countries



125m+

Research Outputs

The DataCite Membership Model

Membership model – context

- As an open infrastructure provider, DataCite makes metadata and metadata retrieval tools freely and openly available to anyone – member or non-member.
- Membership allows organizations to gain access to specialized services and to participate in governance.
- As a community-based non-profit organization, DataCite's membership model supports collective stewardship and long-term sustainability of shared open research infrastructure.

Membership – who can join

Any organization interested in:

- Registering DOIs and metadata to make research outputs and activities more open and discoverable
- Harvesting DataCite metadata
- Contributing financial support to DataCite's mission and infrastructure

Options for individual and consortium memberships, and non-profit and for-profit organizations

Why join?

- Increase the impact of all your research outputs and resources, making them more open, visible, and FAIR
- Align with funder requirements and open research policies
- Enable open science at the institutional or national level
- Participate in communities of practice
- Support shared open infrastructure for everyone

Why DataCite?

- Designed for, with, and by research organizations
- A home for all your outputs, resources, and activities
- Flexible membership pathways
- Simple, transparent, predictable pricing
- Easy, robust tools for all types of users
- Integrated across the research landscape

Membership benefits

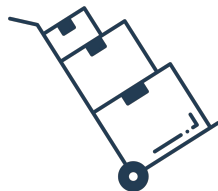
- Easy to use DOI registration tools, like the DataCite API, manual registration form (Fabrica), and service provider platforms
- API credentials for retrieving and harvesting metadata and data files
- Reporting and insights tools for monitoring metadata, tracking citations, and analyzing activities
- Participate in DataCite governance, join the DataCite board, serve on community groups, and engage with like-minded organizations
- Fast, personalized support from friendly and helpful humans

Membership experience

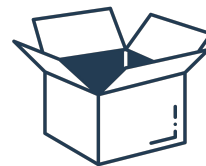
Your research activities made visible



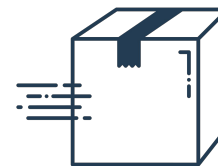
Research organizations
provide metadata to
DataCite and register
DOIs for their outputs



DataCite stores and
processes the metadata and
establishes connections
across outputs using PIDs



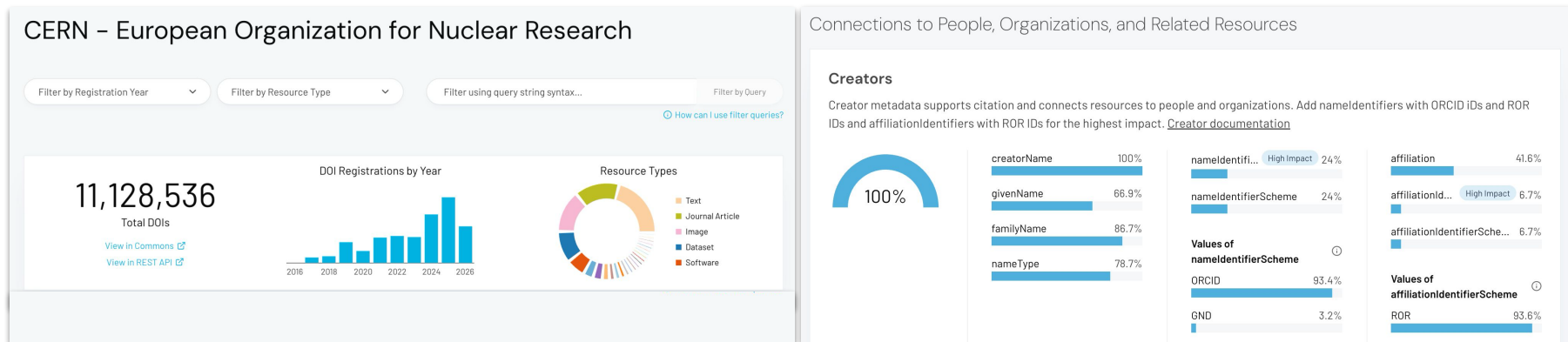
Metadata is made
openly available



Metadata is discovered
and harvested by users
and systems to integrate,
track and analyze

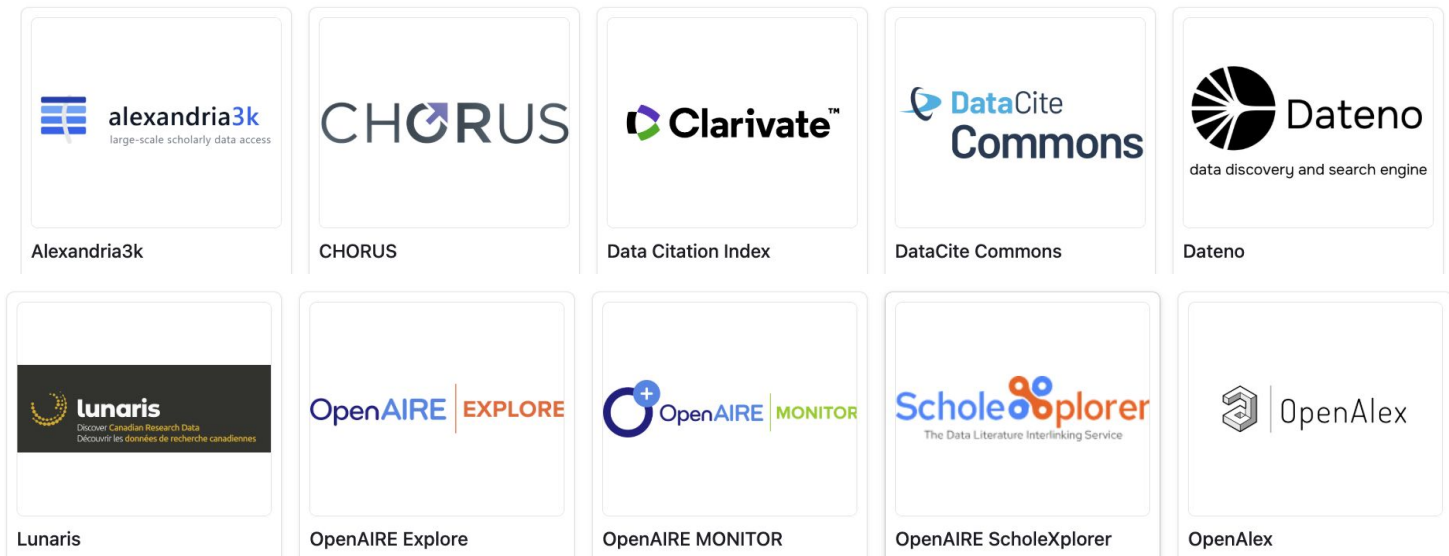
Enhance your metadata completeness

Check your metadata quality and identify opportunities for improvements with the DataCite Metadata Dashboards.



Ensure global discoverability

DataCite DOI metadata is made openly available for reuse by downstream services, enabling global discovery, analysis, and tracking of research outputs.



Explore research in context

Use DataCite Metadata Schema to represent relationships between outputs, people, and institutions and provide valuable research context.

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<https://doi.org/10.17913/100501.9190>


9 Citations

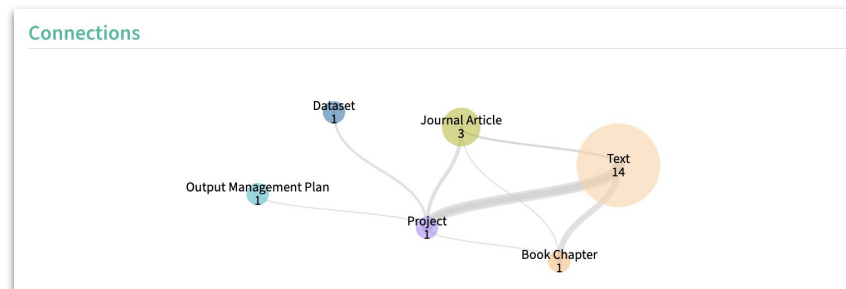
Description
Creators
Contributors
Funders
Registration

This project aims to create the first DNA barcode-based 'All Taxa Biological Inventory' of a model ecosystem, specifically the island of Moorea. The work will accelerate ecological discovery and enable the development of more innovative and effective conservation strategies.

Project published 2007 in [iPlaces](#)

Project
Biological sciences
Natural sciences

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Track usage, citation, and impact

Monitor how outputs are viewed, downloaded, and cited with services like DataCite Commons and the DataCite Usage Tracker.

Geolocator tagging of east Siberian bluethroats  <https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.qjq2bvqhq>

 2 Citations  142 Views  11 Downloads

Description Creators Registration

Many long-distance migratory bird species seem to retain the winter quarters their ancestors used during the last glacial maximum. Post-glacial colonization following the retreat of the ice sheets have then resulted in apparent suboptimal migration routes, since the expanding populations have failed to use more nearby, alternative and climatically suitable, wintering areas. The bluethroat subspecies *Cyanecula svecica svecica* occurs in the northern areas of the Palearctic from the Atlantic to Alaska. Because it is monotypic and lacks population structure in mitochondrial DNA it is assumed to have colonized its present range from one glacial refuge population. Geolocator tracks from birds in its western range have shown that these migrates to the Indian subcontinent following a route west of the Himalaya. In the present study we fit geolocators of bluethroats breeding in their eastern range (Chukotka) to test whether they also use a route west of the Himalaya to the same wintering grounds as their European conspecifics, or shortcut east of the Himalaya. We retrieved one of the 30 bluethroats tagged which clearly showed that it migrated east of the Himalaya to a wintering area tentatively located in Myanmar. By assuming that this bird is representative for the migration of eastern *Cyanecula s. svecica*, we can reject our initial hypothesis of a common migration route of all *Cyanecula s. svecica*. The different routes and wintering areas of western and eastern *Cyanecula s. svecica* implicate the presence of a migratory divide somewhere north of the Himalaya, and further that the populations were in different refuge populations during the last glaciation.

Version 6 of Dataset published 2022 in [DRYAD](#)

Dataset Biological sciences English

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Organizational reporting for institutions and funders

DataCite DOIs are enriched with funding information, which can be queried through DataCite Commons and DataCite API.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

<https://ror.org/006wxqw41>

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University of Cape Town

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The community experience – in their own words

“DataCite aligns directly with our mission to democratize knowledge, build sustainable research infrastructure, and ensure that **contributions from the Global South are visible, accessible, and valued** within the global scholarly landscape.”

“DataCite tools and membership models, particularly the consortium approach, are a **practical and affordable path for libraries and institutions to implement PIDs**, creating **sustainable visibility** for research and knowledge.”

“Our organization is committed to **enhancing the research ecosystem by ensuring global visibility, accessibility, and impact of our scholarly outputs**. Joining DataCite aligns with our mission of excellence in research, innovation, and knowledge dissemination. By leveraging DataCite’s DOI registration services, we aim to provide **persistent and reliable access to research data, publications, and other scholarly outputs**, strengthening our contribution to the global research community.”

Membership logistics

Membership process

- **Community oversight:** All prospective members are reviewed by the DataCite Board to ensure mission alignment.
- **Easy and fast turnaround:** Submit a brief application reviewed within one week. Your account is activated immediately upon approval.
- **Personal touch:** We work with each prospective member individually to address specific needs. Tailored onboarding and check in sessions help you get started and get the most of your membership.

Membership pathways

- **Institutional Member:** Individual organizations that wish to use DataCite infrastructure and services, shape DataCite's governance, and contribute to DataCite's sustainability.
- **Consortium:** a group of organizations collectively participating in DataCite's community and services. Consortium Membership reduces financial barriers to participation, and encourages adoption.

Membership fee model – principles & processes

- Core principle: equitable and sustainable approach to collective funding of shared open infrastructure
- Fees are based on services, not data
- Straightforward, transparent, predictable structure
- Community-governed pricing: DataCite members and Executive Board approve membership fees and service costs

Fee model details

- Single annual fee based on membership type and country
 - Annual membership fee + infrastructure fee (if using services)
- Infrastructure fees based on World Bank economic data for individual member countries
- Infrastructure fee covers 100,000 new DOI registrations annually
 - incentivizes more outputs and activities registered with DataCite, and removes complexities and volatility of volume-based pricing.

Membership model

Member type	Who it's for	Annual fee
Institutional Direct Member	An individual organization joining DataCite directly to register DOIs	Membership fee: €2,000 Shared Infrastructure Fee: €200-700 based on organization country
Consortium Member	An organization responsible for a regional or service-based consortium	Membership fee: €2,000 Shared Infrastructure Fee: €200-700 based on organization country
Consortium Organization	An organization joining a regional or service-based consortium	Membership fee: €0 Shared Infrastructure Fee: €200-700 per organization based on country
Supporting member	An individual organization joining DataCite to support DataCite mission	Membership fee: €2,000

Takeaways and next steps

Ready to get started today?

- Submit a membership inquiry: datacite.org/membership-inquiry or membership@datacite.org
- Try out a test account: support@datacite.org
- Fee estimator: fees.datacite.org
- Infrastructure fees by country: fees.datacite.org/countries



Get involved and learn more

- Community newsletter: datacite.org/newsletter
- Community events: datacite.org/events
- DataCite blog: datacite.org/blog
- DataCite materials and presentations:
zenodo.org/communities/datacite and youtube.com/datacite

We look forward to partnering with you to make your open research objectives a reality!

What are your key takeaways from this session?

What do you hope to achieve with DataCite membership?

What else do you want to know about?



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