RDA-ENGAGE INTEREST GROUP: CREATING ADVANTAGES AND CAPACITIES FOR DATA EXCHANGE

Objectives:

The purpose of the Engagement Interest Group (RDA-Engage) is to involve researchers and other stakeholders in RDA activities as well as establish and promote the best practices in data exchange and management. Having been formed as a working group, it re-formed later into an interest group due to the group’s broader goals and delivery expectations. The objectives of the group include:
- collect and disseminate knowledge about data practices in various research communities
- increase researchers/scientists’ interest and capacity for active participation in RDA
- support the development of data preservation infrastructure
- build partnerships to advance data sharing culture and infrastructure

On-going activities:

As an interest group RDA-Engage interacts with members of other RDA working and interest groups as well as with stakeholders who are not part of RDA to identify channels and opportunities for engagement. With 40 members on its mailing list, the group provides a forum for discussion and implementation of use cases, best practices, outreach and education. The group addresses issues of how community engagement fits within the RDA structures and how to best support the dissemination of RDA deliverables. Recently, the RDA-Engage group organized a successful session at the Summer ESIP meeting. The session generated significant interest and stimulated collaboration between RDA and ESIP.

Results:

Good practices of data exchange and management are of interest to many stakeholders, including researchers, data managers, librarians and cyberinfrastructure developers. How can we best match the requirements and resources of various stakeholders while maintaining best practices of data curation? This poster will summarize ongoing activities and discussions of the RDA-Engage group and invite all RDA plenary attendants to consider complex needs and interactions of various stakeholders. In particular, we will address structures and processes of community engagement, propose the matchmaking service that can help with dissemination of RDA deliverables, and discuss possibilities of establishing domain-specific data discussions at RDA plenaries. We will also outline suggestions for measuring community engagement in data exchanges.

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