Conference Call on RDA Generic Repository API WG

Date/Duration: Oct 12, 2 pm – 3 pm (UTC)

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Agenda:
1) Present/discuss the objectives of the WG
2) Identify additional persons to invite to the preparatory phase
3) Discuss the idea of a BOF session at P7

1) Initial meeting at RDA Plenary 6 in Paris
   - Idea of general API to access repositories in an interoperable way
   - Several technologies and standard available, e.g. OAI-PMH, SWORD, METS
     - Look at them, adopt them, expand where possible/necessary
   - Initial use case: Migration of Digital Objects between repository instances/different systems
     - Suggestion: Standardized import/export formats could be of interest, can also tackled by this WG if it fits into the 18 months
     - Remark: Take PID update into account
     - Other use cases: Obtain repository system capabilities, e.g. for registration in repository registries like re3data
   - Goal of the WG: consensus regarding a generic repository API
     - With respect to the targeted use cases
     - E.g. in the form of a specification
     - Implementation is not in the scope of this WG
     - Comment: State likelihood of adoption in case statement
       - Proposal: likely for KIT, Duraspace
   - Question: Are we talking about open or closed data?
     - Answer: No restriction.
   - Question: What about the support for many small Digital Objects?
     - Answer: Should be considered, too.
- Check https://rd-alliance.org/sites/default/files/paris-doc-v6-1_2.pdf for scope

2)
- Include user communities via partners
  - Additional Contacts:
    - Robert: Metacat (https://knb.ecoinformatics.org/knb/docs/)
    - Stefan: Merritt
    - David: dSpace
- Anybody has contact to ANDS or the SWORD people?
- Send additional ideas to thomas.jejkal@kit.edu
- Check other RDA groups, e.g. Repository Platforms IG, Long Tail of Research Data IG

3)
- Plan BoF session at P7
  - Session proposal must be submitted till Christmas: Scope/objective of the session, agenda, version 0 of case statement
  - Preparation of case statement until P7
  - Use session to finalize case statement

Next Steps)
- Contact RDA secretary to setup organic group (Thomas)
- Create GoogleDoc for Case Statement (Done)
  - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1F86FqyOHG5jLRZVUha9KEvNPnuv9mYYqTKJ7mi-9zc/edit?usp=sharing