

# Digitization Board Meeting on 12.12.2024, 8:30-9:30

KFS: Bridget Murphy, RDS, KHuK: Tobias Stockmanns, Sören Lange, KET: Günter Quast, Christian Zeitnitz, KFN: Michael Schulz, Andreas Houben, KfB: Erik Bründermann, KFSI: Judith Reindl, SP: Thomas Kuhr, FI: Kilian Schwarz, BDA: Jan Steinheimer, Christian Stieghorst, RDM: Hans-Georg Steinrück, Michael Schulz, UI: Pierre Schnizer KD: Judith Reindl, RPB, Hub: Martin Erdmann, Angela Warkentin, EuCAIF: Johan Messchendorp

## Review of Annual Meeting

The annual DIG-UM meeting was considered quite successful, with good attendance and an agenda that worked well. The excellent talk by Angela Warkentin could demonstrate the central role the Hub plays for advancing digitization in the ErUM sciences.

The Digitization Board thanks Martin Erdmann for his essential contribution to the construction of a very successful DIG-UM organization. He will continue to be involved as leader of the ErUM-Data Hub.

## Composition of DIG-UM Boards

The slides showing the members of the Overview and Digitization Boards were updated. Angela Warkentin will take care of updating the information on the web page. It was discussed if the board composition should be made public. As the slides were included in talks in the past, the information is basically public already.

A representation of the NFDI in the Digitization Board was discussed and considered a good idea. This will be first done in an informal way with Bridget Murphy representing DAPHNE4NFDI, Andreas Haugns representing PUNCH4NFDI, and inviting a guest from the NFDI Directorate Office. Thomas Kuhr will ask York Sure-Vetter to nominate a person.

Bridget Murphy pointed out that it would be good to also follow the development in EOSC. An event to inform the whole community is considered. It should be after mid February.

## Topic Group Reports

As far as we know 3-4 ErUM Data proposals in the RDM area are being prepared and 4-5 in the FI area with FTE requests of order 6-8. This seems a good balance between both areas is reached. Much more proposals are expected in the area of software and algorithms, with project sizes of 3 to ~15 partners. Further information about the call has not changed since the information event, the overall funding may be guessed, but is not known, there seems to be some flexibility in the distribution across areas, there will be one review committee, and Helmholtz partners can apply for funding.

Judith Reindl reported that new podcasts will be launched before Christmas. Dissemination in the communities could be enhanced.

## Plans for 2025

Several attractive events are already planned by the Hub, including proven and new concepts. So far 15 participants registered for the Transfer Workshop. The topic groups are encouraged to advertise the workshop. It is targeted also at early career researchers who may be interested in contacts with industry.

Around mid of 2025 a concept for a second phase of the ErUM Data Hub should be developed. The next annual meeting will be on December 4th, 2025. Angela Warkentin will include it in the announcement of dates in January.

## AoB

Hans-Georg Steinrück proposed a DIG-UM Award for early career researchers. The idea received strong support by the Digitization Board. All ECRs working on digitization topics in ErUM sciences should be eligible, regardless of funding source. It was suggested to have categories per topic group. The topic groups are asked to think about good names for the awards. A tradition of inviting awardees for keynote talks at conferences may be established. Prizes may be sponsored by companies. Judith Reindl offered to develop a concept within the KD topic group.

## Next meetings

The next Digitization Board meetings will be on 16.1. (after ErUM-Data call deadline), 13.2. (after Transfer Workshop), and 20.3. (after BDA meeting). Indico pages for the meetings will be added at <https://indico.desy.de/category/1041/>