

Digitization Board Meeting on 16.04.2026, 8:30-9:05

KFS: Dirk Lützenkirchen-Hecht, RDS, KHuK: Tobias Stockmanns, Anastasios Belias, KET: Jan Kieseler, KFN: Michael Schulz, Andreas Houben, KAT, KfB, KFSI, SP: Thomas Kuhr. FI: Kilian Schwarz, BDA: Christian Stieghorst, RDM: Michael Schulz, UI: Tim Ruhe, KD: Dirk Lützenkirchen-Hecht, RPB: Arman Khalatyan, Hub: Martin Erdmann, EuCAIF

Reports of Spokesperson and Topic Groups

The DB welcomes Anastasios Belias as new KHuK deputy representative and thanks Sören Lange for his valuable contribution for the last three years. There is now an ErUM-Data community in Zenodo. This should be announced in the topic groups. Besides attaching ErUM-Data related Zenodo uploads with the ErUM-Data community it is important to mention the ErUM-Data funding in the acknowledgments of publications. The concept for the Hub 2.0 is revised to include the feedback from the status meeting. A meeting with Frau Ohnesorge beginning of May is aimed for.

It's still early to think about successors, but Thomas reminds the DB members that the terms of spokesperson and TG chairs/deputies end in December. That would also be a good time if any changes of organizational structure are considered. An involvement of industry was seen positive, but one has to see how this could be realized.

The FI group had a face-to-face meeting in March and is planning regular meetings. The RDM, FI, and UI groups will have a joint workshop in Aachen on October 1+2. The BDA group has its annual meeting in two weeks. The number of registrants increased in the last days, but there's still room for more participants. An option for remote participation may be considered. Martin pointed out the transformative character the agentic AI has on ErUM research. The Hub will work closely together with the LLM project to adjust the program of the Hub to this change. The KD group has identified quantum computing as a topic that should be disseminated in the community.

Michael reported that a new KFN was elected. If there are changes of chairs/deputies of ErUM committees this should be communicated to the OB chair and the spokesperson. New committees may also appoint new representatives in the DB. A new OB chair should be elected before they end their term as committee chair.

HTAD

There will be a meeting of ErUM committee chairs on April 27 to discuss the drafting of a white paper regarding the HTAD. Input on how the relation to AI can be presented in such a white paper and what DIG-UM can do in addition are welcome.

AOB

The deadline for DIG-UM Awards is end of August. A call for nominations should be sent in May. Hans-Georg expects that the creation of the DIG-UM e.V. can be completed in three weeks. The DB unanimously suggests Martin Erdmann for the award for lifetime achievements in the digitization in ErUM sciences.