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## DataCite Canada Consortium: New Members

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Authorized representatives are asked to review this message and the attached documents regarding the **DataCite Canada Consortium** agreement for the term of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020, and to share this information with staff as appropriate.

Please respond to CRKN by January 6, 2020 by signing and emailing (to [form@crkn.ca](mailto:form@crkn.ca)) the attached **Participation and Financial Commitment Agreement** indicating your commitment to participate in the **DataCite Canada Consortium license agreement**.

### Document attached:

- Participation and Financial Commitment Agreement
- Consortium FAQ prepared by DataCite

### Offer Summary:

#### Background

DataCite is a global non-profit organization that develops and supports tools and methods that make data and scholarly content more accessible, useful, and citable. Their core activity is providing DOI and metadata registration. DOIs are persistent identifiers for digital objects. They are widely used for identifying published content, datasets, and other scholarly research outputs. There are over 400,000 DOIs minted in Canada with DataCite and over 57,000 DOIs in Canada were minted in 2018.

Canadian institutions minting DOIs through DataCite have been supported by the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) as the national organization, DataCite Canada. In May, the NRC announced that it is discontinuing its role with DataCite Canada as a national allocation agent for data registration. CRKN and CARL's Portage Network are approved as a consortial member of DataCite and will assume responsibility for, and management of, DataCite Canada as of January 1, 2020. To support this transition, the NRC has committed to paying the consortial membership fee for the new consortium for 2020.

A national approach leverages the community support and leadership in Canada and allows members to engage in the governance and future developments of DataCite through a coordinated national voice. Additionally, existing DataCite members that minted 100 DOIs or fewer in 2019 will be able to participate in the national consortium at no charge from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 as DataCite develops a new pricing structure. Existing DataCite members that mint more than 100 DOIs per year will pay a fee per repository, and a tiered fee based on the number of DOIs minted per year. All new DataCite members, regardless of number of DOIs minted per year will pay a fee per repository, and a tiered fee based on the number of DOIs minted per year.

CRKN and CARL are committed to sharing their expertise and knowledge related to the new DataCite Canada Consortium and ensuring that Canadian research organizations continue to have access to DataCite services. CRKN will provide administration, licensing, and finance services, including all invoicing to DataCite Canada Consortium members. CARL Portage will provide community engagement and support. This joint initiative ensures that the Canadian institutions who have integrated DataCite as part of their infrastructure continue to be supported with a sustainable model.

**This offer is open to all research organizations in Canada**, and is not limited to CARL or CRKN members.

#### Pricing Model / Summary

There are three components to the final annual price set by DataCite in Euros: consortial membership, DOI, and repository fees. These fees are converted into Canadian dollars (CAD) for billing purposes. CRKN cannot predict or guarantee the market foreign exchange rates in effect at the date of invoice or settlement but works to obtain competitive rates at any given point in time.

**Membership fees:** The membership fee for the new DataCite Canada Consortium for 2020 is 2,000€. This fee will be entirely paid by NRC for 2020. As a result, members of the consortium will not be charged for membership fees.

**DOI fees** are based on the number of DOIs minted by the participant during the previous year.

For current members of DataCite Canada, if your organization minted 100 DOIs or fewer in 2019, then there is no fee for 2020. For new members fees will be determined based on the following table aligned with DataCite's standard pricing:

<b>Annual Fee for DOIs</b>		
<b>Range</b>	<b>Break Point</b>	<b>Fee</b>
0-10,000	0	500.00 €
10,001-100,000	10,001	2,000.00 €
100,001 plus	100,001	3,000.00 €

**Repository fees** are based on the number of repositories that a participant has. Please refer to the following table:

<b>Annual Fee for Repositories</b>		
<b>Range</b>	<b>Break Point</b>	<b>Fee</b>
0-1	0	500.00 €
2-5	2	1,000.00 €
6-10	6	3,000.00 €
11-50	11	6,000.00 €
51 plus	51	10,000.00 €

**Both DOI fees and repository fees are waived for current members of DataCite Canada who minted 100 DOIs or fewer in 2019.**

*DataCite recognizes that the current pricing structure can be cost prohibitive for smaller organizations. CRKN and CARL are investigating national funding sources to defray these costs. DataCite is exploring a new funding model to be determined in the future. As members of DataCite, CRKN and CARL will make efforts to work with DataCite to ensure that the needs of Canadian institutions are expressed.*

**How can I share concerns or ask questions about this offer?**

- Please forward any and all questions, comments, or concerns regarding the DataCite Canada Consortium offer to CRKN via Jason Friedman ([jfriedman@crkn.ca](mailto:jfriedman@crkn.ca)).

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

- **Review this offer and attached documentation;**
- **Complete the financial commitment form indicating your decision to either participate in the CRKN-CARL Portage DataCite Canada Consortium for 2020;**
- **Return the financial commitment form to CRKN ([form@crkn.ca](mailto:form@crkn.ca)) by January 6, 2020.**

If you have any questions or require any further clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Best regards,

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