Call for Nominations: DataCite Canada Consortium Governing Committee

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. Canadian institutions minting DOIs through DataCite were initially supported by the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) as the national organization, DataCite Canada, until January 1, 2020, when NRC discontinued its role and the DataCite Canada Consortium was formed under the management of CRKN and CARL Portage. CRKN provides administration, licensing and finance services to the DataCite Canada Consortium, and CARL Portage provides community engagement and support.

The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL)/Portage and the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) invite nominations from the DataCite Canada Consortium membership to fill up to six (6) vacant positions on the inaugural Datacite Canada Consortium Governing Committee for a term of two years, once renewable. The two-year term will begin in December 2020.

The purpose of the DataCite Canada Consortium Governing Committee is to work in the interests of the DataCite Canada Consortium community to provide expertise and advice to Consortium Leads (CRKN and CARL Portage) and Members on maximizing benefits through the adoption of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs). In addition, the Governing Committee will provide governance and operational oversight for the Consortium in order for it to operate effectively and sustainably into the future.

The Committee will:

- Establish the strategic goals and priorities of the Consortium in building its capabilities and to ensure its ongoing value proposition for members, in consultation with, and guided by, the PID Advisory Committee;
- Identify growth opportunities for the Consortium;
- Determine the Consortium's approach on matters related to DataCite membership;
- Monitor and review the structure and costing of the Consortium and recommend changes as appropriate;
- Organize an annual meeting of the Members; and
- Provide advice and guidance to the Consortium Administrative Lead and Consortium Technical Lead, including:
  - Activities for gathering feedback from Members;
  - Methods to measure and evaluate Consortium success;
  - Regular communication with the Members of the Consortium; and,
  - Promoting the benefits of DataCite and the Consortium.

The Committee will meet every two months, or more frequently as needed, with meetings ordinarily taking place virtually. A rough estimate of the time commitment for serving is:

6 teleconferences * 2 hours =	12 hours
1 hour prep-time per meeting =	6 hours
Individual work outside of meetings (2 hours * 12 months) =	24 hours
Total =	42 hours

Please see attached Terms of Reference for the Governing Committee.

Interested candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by their respective organization and will be selected by election of the full DataCite Canada Consortium membership.

Please send nominations to Georgia Ashworth (gashworth@crkn.ca) no later than <u>Wednesday, November 25, 2020</u>. Please fill out the attached nomination form including:

- Contact information for the nominee
- An indication of their willingness to serve
- Brief biographical details, or relevant work experience
- Assurance that this workload meets with approval from their supervisor

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Jason Friedman