

# Out of Cite, Out of Mind: USNC Work on Data Citation Practices and Standards

US Data Citation Workshop:  
Developing Policy And Practice  
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## Our Mission

CODATA, the Committee on Data for Science and Technology, is an interdisciplinary Scientific Committee of the International Council for Science (ICSU), was established 40 years ago.

CODATA works to improve the quality, reliability, management and accessibility of data of importance to all fields of science and technology. CODATA is a resource that provides scientists and engineers with access to international data activities for increased awareness, direct cooperation and new knowledge. CODATA was established in 1966 by ICSU to promote and encourage, on a world-wide basis, the compilation, evaluation and dissemination of reliable numerical data of importance to science and technology.

CODATA is concerned with all types of data resulting from experimental measurements, observations and calculations in every field of science and technology, including the physical sciences, biology, geology, astronomy, engineering, environmental science, ecology and others. Particular emphasis is given to data management problems common to different disciplines and to data used outside the field in which they were generated.

### What are our objectives?

- The improvement of the quality and accessibility of data, as well as the methods by which data are acquired, managed, analysed and evaluated, with a particular emphasis on developing countries
- The facilitation of international cooperation among those collecting, organizing and using data
- The promotion of an increased awareness in the scientific and technical community of the importance of these activities
- The consideration of data access and intellectual property issues

In short, the reason for CODATA is to help foster and advance science and technology through developing and sharing knowledge about data and the activities that work with data.

# CODATA Strategy: Mobilizing the Data Revolution

Mobilizing capacity to take advantage of the data revolution is **the** major priority for international science.

CODATA strategy lays out three priorities and a plan that shows we can **deliver benefits** for members on these priorities.

Presents a vision for international promotion and coordination of data ecosystems.

Promote intelligently open data

- **data policies:** supporting implementation of data principles and practice

Adapt to the transformation in research

- **data science:** addressing the frontier issues of data science

Promote data skills, data scientists, data managers

- **research data capacity building** (particularly in LMICs)



# CODATA/ICSTI TG on Data Citation - International Context

- Approved at CODATA General Assembly 2010, renewed 2012
- Co sponsored by ICSTI and supported by the US National Committee for CODATA
- Objectives:
  - Examine key issues related to data identification, attribution citation and linking
  - Help coordinate activities internationally
  - Promote common practices and standards



# CODATA Data Citation Task Group Participation

## Co-Chairs:

**Jan Brase**, (Director, DataCite, and ICSTI representative), Technische Informations Bibliothek (TIB)/German National Library of Science and Technology, GERMANY

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**Christine Borgman**, University of California, Los Angeles, USA

CODATA Ex Com Liaison: **Bonnie C Carroll**, Information International Associates, Inc (Chair 2010-2012)

Support: **Paul Uhlir**, US NC

## Members:

- ❖ 28 Members; 4 Consultants
- ❖ 12 Countries
- ❖ 4 Continents

# Activities of the CODATA/ICSTI TG on Data Citation



## 2010-2012: Background Research

- Bibliographic inventory and analysis (in final report).
- Interviews with a sample of identified stakeholders concerning data citation and attribution practices
  - Data Repositories
  - Publishers
  - Researchers
  - Funding Organizations
- Symposium and workshop held in Berkeley, CA in August 2011.
- Began Report on Current Practices in Data.

## 2012-2014: Disseminating Results

- Publish Report from August Symposium and Workshop (May 2012). **Symposium and Workshop, Berkeley, CA August 2011: For Attribution: Developing Data Attribution and Citation Practices and Standards** 
- Task Group meetings and White Paper drafting sessions (Copenhagen, DK, 06/12, and Taipei, TW, 10/12.)
- 3 Track Sessions at CODATA International Conference in Taipei, TW October/November 2012 on Data Publishing and Data Citation in Cooperation with the WDS
- Publication of final report - **Out of Cite, Out of Mind: Report of the CODATA Task Group on Data Citation** 

# Symposium and Workshop, Berkeley, CA August 2011

## ***For Attribution: Developing Data Attribution and Citation Practices and Standards***



- I. Why are attribution and citation of data important?
- II. Major technical issues in developing and implementing scientific data citation standards and practices
- III. Major scientific issues in developing and implementing scientific data citation standards and practices
- IV. Major institutional, financial, legal, and socio-cultural issues in developing and implementing scientific data citation standards and practices
- V. Status of data attribution and citation practices in the natural and social sciences in the U.S. and internationally
- VI. Institutional roles and perspectives: similarities and differences across disciplines and countries
- VII. Workshop – Options: Where do we go from here?

For more information on the symposium and workshop see:

[http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/brdi/PGA\\_063656](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/brdi/PGA_063656)

# Out of Cite, Out of Mind: Report of the CODATA Task Group on Data Citation



The report was published by the CODATA Data Science Journal on 13 September 2013



The screenshot shows the J-STAGE website for the **DATA SCIENCE Journal**. The header includes the CODATA logo. The main content is an article titled **Out of Cite, Out of Mind: The Current State of Practice, Policy, and Technology for the Citation of Data**. The article is from **Vol. 12 (2013) p. 1-75**. The URL is <http://dx.doi.org/10.2481/dsj.OSOM13-043>. The article is marked as **FREE PDF**. The right sidebar contains **Article Tools** including Add to Favorites, Citation Alert, Authentication Alert, and Additional Info Alert. It also includes options to Copy the URL, Mail to Author, Download Meta of Article (RIS, BibTeX), and Contact us. A 'Share this Article' button is also present.

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# Chapter 3 EMERGING PRINCIPLES FOR DATA CITATION



Based on a review of emerging practices and analysis of existing literature on citation practices, we have identified the following set of “first principles” for data citation:

- 1. Status of Data**
- 2. Attribution**
- 3. Persistence**
- 4. Access**
- 5. Discovery**
- 6. Provenance**
- 7. Granularity**
- 8. Verifiability**
- 9. Metadata Standards**
- 10. Flexibility**

# First Principles for Data Citation – Catching Fire!



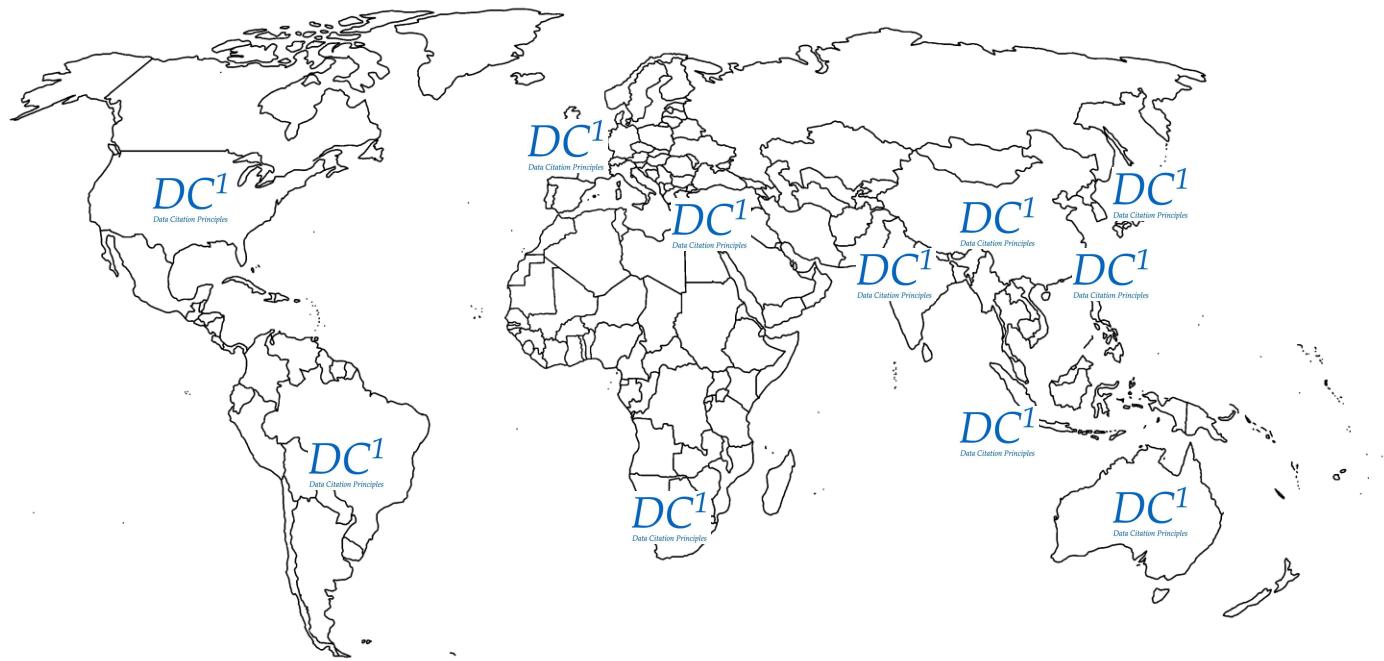
- Considerable Concurrent International Interest
  - Amsterdam Manifesto on Data Citation Principles from Force11
  - DCC Guide
  - DataCite Metadata Core
  - RDA birds of a feather focus
  - ICSU World Data Service Working Group on Data Publication
- Synthesis Group Formed – over 40 participants
- Consensus Principles In Process
  - 1. Importance**
  - 2. Credit and Attribution**
  - 3. Evidence**
  - 4. Unique Identification**
  - 5. Access**
  - 6. Persistence**
  - 7. Specificity and Verifiability**
  - 8. Interoperability and Flexibility**
- Developed Broad Dissemination Plan

Current endorsements: Individual: 245 Organizational: 110  
<https://www.force11.org/datacitation/endorsements>

# 2014-2016 Data Citation: From Principles to Practice Today

- A **Focus** on the Research Policy and Funding Community':  
<http://www.codata.org/task-groups/data-citation-standards-and-practices>
- **Organizing an international series of implementation and adoption workshops.**
- Promote the implementation of data citation principles in the research policy and funding communities throughout the world.
- **Stakeholders** include: government, funders, research performing institutions, research administrators, research librarians, researchers, learned societies, publishers, data archives, journal editors ...
- **Questions to be answered:**
  - What is the policy environment for data citation?
  - What infrastructure is available to support data citation?
  - What are current attitudes to data citation?
  - Benefits and challenges in implementing data citation policies and practice (including economic and financial considerations)?
  - Specific items of concern raised at the workshop?
  - Other aspects also addressed at the workshop?
  - What is the role of the research funding and policy community in data citation practices?

# We are taking Data Citation Workshops on a world tour!



2015: China, Australia, Japan, India and South Africa.

2016: Israel, USA, Russia. *Finland*

2017: *France, European Union, Korea, Taipei, Indonesia, Brazil...*

***To Date Summary Report Draft at  
SciDataCon/International Data Week, September 10-17***

# The Future: 2016-2018

- Complete the International Summary Report of Workshops on Principles to Practice
- Proposal to Renew TG is a Work In Progress
- Focus on **Impact and Metrics**
- TBD: At CODATA General Assembly, 9/10/16
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