Welcome Sara – Our New Metadata Specialist

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Abstract

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What is PID4NFDI?

What is the goal of PID4NFDI? To promote the use of PIDs by improving the PID service infrastructure within the German National Research Data Infrastructure (NFDI) across various fields.

Metadata — the red thread that weaves together the fabric of research outputs and resources, making them more discoverable and reusable — is at the heart of DataCite's activities. Setting benchmarks, establishing standards, and harmonizing metadata standards are all important steps toward ensuring seamless integration across domains.

PID4NFDI is more than just technical; it is an effort to bridge gaps and discover collaborative, community-tailored solutions that will strengthen NFDI's unique research ecosystem. We're creating a framework for solid, long-term progress, with the goal of elevating PID services to new levels of efficacy and research support.

Joining this journey with DataCite, I'm not only expanding my professional horizon beyond life sciences but also working with people whose passion and tenacity in driving positive, far-reaching impact transcends boundaries.

Getting to know me

Over 14 eventful years, I've lived and worked in various countries and cities, from London and Dundee to Bellinzona, Bern, Heidelberg, Cambridge, and Berlin. My journey eventually led me back to my homeland, where I now live at the picturesque west coast of Sweden, close to my family.

When I'm not engrossed in the world of data, I find peace in exploring Sweden's stunning landscapes, whether it's hiking through lush trails or camping under the summer skies near the many beautiful lakes.

If you've joined me on a Zoom call, you've likely crossed paths with at least one of my two feline companions. They have a knack for stealing the spotlight whether with their antics in the background or occasionally making an appearance on my keyboard lending their "pawspective" to the conversation.

This is just the beginning of an exciting journey, and I'm eager to share it with all of you. Together, we'll navigate the ever-expanding world of PIDs and contribute to a more accessible, interconnected, and inclusive research landscape.

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