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CoreTrustSeal Newsletter 05-2025

Community input needed on Revision of Requirements

The CoreTrustSeal Board is seeking input for proposed changes to the requirements to take effect for 2026-2028. We value our community members opinions and feel the process of updating these trustworthy data repository requirements will be most successful with as much community participation as possible.

Our community is built around a Peer-to-Peer review process. We help each other protect our data assets for future generations by challenging each other to be the best repositories we can be. We all know that the ever-changing landscape we work in requires periodic review of our requirements and procedures.

The CoreTrustSeal Board appreciates your time and effort in completing this survey and providing valuable feedback on the CoreTrustSeal Requirements. While we do not have the resources to respond to each survey individually, be assured, we value each community member's input. We will make every effort to reflect them in the revisions of the Requirements.

The following link will direct you to the survey:

https://sciencespocdsp.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8jn9vE3bfnbAKR8

The estimated duration of this questionnaire is 20 minutes. It will be active until August 15th, 2025.

Thank you for your time and feedback!

We will share progress and outcomes in the coming months.

Thanks again for being part of our peer review community.

Kind regards,

CoreTrustSeal Standards and Certification Board

Introducing Debbie Roth 2025-2027 Board member



I joined the board to help ensure that high-quality, secure, and reliable repositories are made accessible to the community. With my passion for maintaining industry standards and fostering best practices, I wanted to contribute to the open-source ecosystem by certifying repositories that meet rigorous criteria. Being part of the board also allows me to help organizations trust the tools they use, ultimately supporting a more secure, sustainable, and efficient development environment.

COAR annual meeting

The COAR Conference took place in Tokyo, Japan on May 12-15, 2025 and was attended by approximately 140 people representing at least 23 different countries.

The meeting was jointly organized by COAR, JPCOAR, and the National Institute of Informatics (NII) and provided an opportunity to share experiences, identify priority activities across the open access communities, and contribute to the development of a shared vision for the future of repositories.

The CoreTrustSeal Board was represented by its chair, who met delegates from repositories from Asia-Pacific, and discussed solutions to overcome the barriers

encountered in the certification process in this region.

More information: <https://coar-repositories.org/news-updates/report-from-the-coar-conference-2025/>

The FIDELIS Network of Trustworthy Digital Repositories has officially launched!

The purpose of the FIDELIS project that started earlier this year is to address the need for a cohesive and transparent community by setting up, developing and operating a Network of Trustworthy Digital Repositories.

This new FIDELIS Network has now launched and is open for members to join. By becoming a provisional member of the Network, you will be able to help shape the creation of the Network, engage in pilot support, engage with other members, and enjoy free membership until January 2027! Learn more about becoming a provisional member here:

<https://eden-fidelis.eu/news/fidelis-network-trustworthy-digital-repositories-has-officially-launched>

Watch back the informational session held on May 13th here:

<https://eden-fidelis.eu/events/fidelis-network-launch-introductory-webinar>

Feedback and comments welcome!

Please don't hesitate to contact info@coretrustseal.org if you have feedback or suggestions for us on the tool, process, website or anything else!





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