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Introducing the Chair of the 2025-2027 Board

Joining the CoreTrustSeal Board was a logical continuation of my previous activities as a Data Seal of Approval Board member from 2009 to 2013. The fact that I reunited with former colleagues, Ingrid Dillo and Hervé L'Hours, from the Data Seal of Approval was key. I find the challenge to bring CoreTrustSeal forward in a moving landscape at a European but also global level very exciting. When Jon Crabtree – the former Chair of the Board – resigned to pursue other professional opportunities – I accepted to take over his duties in the role and I continue to be the chair in the newly elected 2025-2027 Board.

Interesting workshop:

The Open Archival Information System (OAIS) reference model aims to ensure long term preservation in digital repositories. In 2024, the OAIS reference model and its associated standards were updated with the inclusion of a new standard: Information Preparation to Enable Long Term Use (IPELTU).

The FAIR-IMPACT project welcomes David Giaretta (CCSDS and PTAB Ltd), Barbara Sierman (DigitalPreservation.nl), and Olivier Rouchon (CoreTrustSeal) to share what is new in OAIS version 3, what the changes mean for repositories, and how OAIS relates to other important concepts such as FAIR, trustworthiness, and sustainability.

There will be time allocated to open questions and discussion.

This workshop is intended for those working in data repositories and data service providers but all are welcome.

Registration for the workshop is free but mandatory.
Register at: https://fair-impact.eu/events/fair-impact-events/oais-version-3-what-does-it-mean-repositories

World Data System Survey on Data Repository Benefits

The World Data System (WDS) and its Scientific Committee are launching a study to identify the value-added benefits of data repositories. The ultimate goal of this project is to demonstrate the value of repositories in serving the needs of researchers, funders, policy-makers and other stakeholders. Data repositories, an essential element of the scientific enterprise, must demonstrate continued relevance to the research communities they serve. As such, repositories are expected to keep pace with technology advances and research data management practices. The seamlessness of well-managed repository services leaves the impression that the underlying effort is minimal or automated, although in reality ongoing maintenance and operations require significant resources. Insufficient funding leads to stagnation, leaving the repository holdings vulnerable; thus continual investment by funders is necessary to sustain and enhance repository services.
It should take between 30-60 minutes depending on whether you take time to come up with benefits beyond those listed. Service providers are in the scope of this study, so your participation as a repository representative will be greatly appreciated. Please click on this link to complete the first round of the survey.

Best Practice for Reviewers

On the training page of the website we have added a document with tips and tricks for reviewers: Best Practice for Reviewers!

CoreTrustSeal promoting repository certification awareness in Asia

In the beginning of 2025, Proferssor Li Guoqing, a CoreTrustSeal board member, was assigned to join the discussion of a Community of Practice (CoP) group to indentify the potential actions to support the promotion of repository certification awareness in the Asia Region.

The idea for the Community of Practice (CoP) for Southeast-Asia repositories originated from a conversation between Yuyun Wirawati (Nanyang Technological University Library, Singapore) and Assoc Prof Namtip Wipawin (Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand) in 2024. They recognized that applying best practices, obtaining world-class certification, and maintaining trustworthy institutional repositories require continuous professional development for repository managers. Yuyun and Namtip believe that a CoP could significantly enhance expertise, particularly in Southeast Asia, where outreach and capacity-building activities are needed.

The CoP discussion began in late 2024, involving repositories that are already familiar with best practices and CoreTrustSeal Certification. Representatives from Chulalongkorn University Intellectual Repository , Kasetsart University Knowledge Repository, Legislative Institutional Repository of Thailand , NIDA Wisdom Repository, Prince of Songkla University Knowledge Bank , Thailand Agricultural Research Repository, Thai National Research Repository and DR-NTU (Data) participated in forming the CoP.

The CoP aims to be a platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and capacity building among institutions and professionals managing institutional repositories in Southeast Asia. This objective is very much aligned with CoreTrustSeal Certification requirement on Expertise & Guidance. Looking ahead, the CoP plans to expand its membership and partnerships with other repositories in the region.

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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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