

dblp Advisory Board meeting 2020-09-17

- September 17, 2020, 14:00 CEST
- via Zoom

Participants

- Hannah Bast (University of Freiburg, Germany)
- Guillaume Cabanac (University of Toulouse, France)
- Martin Fenner (DataCite, Germany)
- Silvio Peroni (University of Bologna, Italy)
- Lydia Pintscher (Wikimedia Deutschland, Germany)
- Ruzica Piskac (Yale University, CT, USA)
- Rüdiger Reischuk (University of Lübeck, Germany)
- Ralf Schenkel (University of Trier, Germany)
- Raimund Seidel (Saarland University and Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany)
- Michael Ley (Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany)
- Oliver Hoffmann (Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany)
- Marcel R. Ackermann (Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany)
- Florian Reitz (Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany)
- Christopher Michels (Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany)
- Michael Wagner (Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany)
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Meeting minutes

item 1: opening remarks

Meeting notes of September 2019 have been approved without changes.

Revision of the rules of procedure:

- discussion: ambiguity of the term "neutrality"; does "neutrality of the database" really describe what is meant?
- solution: change Task bullet point 3 to "monitors the development of the database"

ToDo:

- Marcel R. Ackermann will publish approved minutes and revised rules of procedure on the web pages

item 2: dblp progress report

Presentation: Marcel R. Ackermann (slides can be found in shared folder)

Discussion:

- dblp integration into WikiData: federation is preferred to "just dumping data"
- the board encourages the dblp team to reach out to the board early, even at the stage of internal development prototypes of new features, so it can give feedback earlier
- RDF data dump / dblp Knowledge Graph:
 - release candidate ready and closed "call for comments" distributed
 - open question: use of WikiData properties stable?
 - better to reuse existing ontologies than to create a new one
 - importance of knowing the use case: who will use this? what will they need?
 - technical aspects better discussed on a separate meeting

ToDo:

- Marcel R. Ackermann will schedule a meeting for discussing the schema and technical aspects of the dblp RDF later in October 2020

item 3: upcoming dblp project proposals

Presentation: Marcel R. Ackermann (slides can be found in shared folder)

dblp is currently involved in:

- two DFG LIS proposals: addressing (1) affiliation data and (2) indexing of research datasets in dblp
- two NDFI proposals: as part of the NFDI4DataScience and the NFDIxCS consortia

Discussion:

- this is a pretty high number of proposals for the dblp team
- the team is careful not to over-extend in order to manage growing pains and to be able to recruit promising candidates

item 4: dblp user survey

Run-through of the survey prototype

Discussion:

- need to focus: what is the specific purpose of the survey? what is it used for?
- is it better to give pre-formulated answers or to allow for more free-text input?
- planned to start survey later this year, announcement via dblp website banner message

Suggested improvements to the prototype:

- "dblp as a research dataset" questions need clarification
- keep the structure, but shorten some of the more lengthy questions
- allow for optional free text answers on each topic
- allow to enter contact email address at the end in order to invite people for in-depth interviews

ToDo:

- Marcel R. Ackermann will revise the questions as suggested and implement the survey on a Dagstuhl server

item 5: dblp and its “power user” community

Postponed to the next meeting in November 2020.

Next meeting

We will have a second virtual meeting later this year:

- Friday, November 13, 2020, 14:00 CET
- via Zoom

To do

dblp team

- build infrastructure for user requests, esp: affiliation changes (still open from Sep 2019 meeting)
- set up a survey server at Dagstuhl

Marcel R. Ackermann

- publish approved minutes and revised rules of procedure on the web pages
- schedule a meeting for discussing the schema and technical aspects of the dblp RDF later in October 2020
- revise the dblp survey as suggested and implement it on Dagstuhl's survey server