eResearch Implementation Committee meeting,
9/25/13

Attendees:
Sarah Williams, Beth Sandore Namachchivaya, Bethany Anderson, Susan Braxton, Harriett Green, Karen Hogenboom, Laila Hussein Moustafa (recorder)

Meeting Agenda

- Announce expanded EZID working group for implementing pilot [2 minutes]
- Informational item about the IT in Africa conference (Laila) [3 minutes]
- Discuss plans for Research Data blog (https://publish.illinois.edu/research-data/) [25 minutes]
- Discuss other projects or ideas related to the web presence for research data [30 minutes]

Sarah W. update of the expanded EZID working group, and Laila talked about attending UIUC –African Center conference about IT In Africa and the need to contact some of the professors who are building data without working with the library, an example of one of the professors works in building animation libraries to help people in Africa (Laila sent the name of the professors to Sarah W. and Susan. The other professor who is working to produce more of the MOOC course online.

Susan, I think they might be considered for data/resource pilot to assign to resource.

Sarah W. suggested to talk about the need to plan about research data Blog and addressed the following questions

We need to figure out who the intended audience is?
Schedule of posts so things get posted regularly?
How will people find it?
What page are going to link to the blog? How will it fit into the library website?
What is the web presence for this research/data? Do we need something else besides a blog?
Blog will address library professionals, anybody supporting research data?

Sarah, suggested that we can used it to promote our visitors who comes to give a talk, for example, we can promote Victoria visit to the campus. Blog can cover events, services, what is going on, news for camps and also policy

Karen, suggested to use tag cloud to categorize and classify the news.
Susan, categorizing and building specific themes on pages, suggestion also to use word clouds. Susan suggested to use the feeds and explained technical details about drop the feed into a libugide box and the feed will.

Bethany, suggested to use cloud on the blog to categorize

Laila suggested that everyone come next time after searching other groups blog that cover the same topic and see whichever ideas they used that we can use to serve our goal and communities.

Susan and Sarah mentioned to look Stanford newsletter, that might have features can help us

Susan, suggested that frequently asked question would be a good category to add suggestion can be FAQ’s News and policy.

Sarah, question about how many time we should post on the blogs should be scheduled and if something come up and people want to write about it, the committee’s members should talk to each other first to avoid the idea two people are writing about the same topic.

Susan suggested each on post once a month as the committee has 11 members in the committee we can schedule each one post something even once a month.

Laila, Suggested to invite those who are not members of our committee but interested in what the committee is doing, and we see them attending our events, and webinar we can invite them to write in the new blog if they want.

Beth suggest that each one post once a week as Karen suggested too, to sign a topic and not leave it open ended, we can identify categories that compliment what we are doing and not overlap our work.

Sarah, explain to Beth the blog category We have identified 5 different ways to organize categories, (Services, Events, FAQ’s, etc) should we write the blogs in these categories? Word press is set up to allow for an RSS feed to be inserted specific to a category even, posts should be framed in a way that the library is trying to serve the campus community, we also can post library related things as long as we show how it relates to the bigger picture.

WE’re doing something that we can follow a framework, but we’re also going to end up establishing a few things as we go along, and we shouldn’t over worry about the content, but it should not be ONLY library focused.
Sarah, We’re all in agreement that we need assigned scheduled postings 1 time per week. It would be best if one person serves as coordinator- who can do that? Create a new folder in box about running list of ideas and place where coordinator can keep a track of everything.

Other option if you have an idea, and want to save it for later you can go in and make a draft post for later.

Susan, Or you can send a message to the group to say you are going to post something new and let the group know.

Beth, we should do something owner a framework and we might establish something in our way ahead and we should not worry.

Sarah, We need someone to coordinate this blog and I will send a call for volunteer to coordinate the blog and keep track of it.

Sarah, also question how people are going to find it, where is this going to be liked from?

Susan link it onto the committee page- it might be hidden, Other thing- word-process linked to Facebook. Unsure on library policy, but Facebook might have a different audience.

So there’s the data management page that is slated to go on the Scholarly Commens site, that in that contents inbox, Sarah feels like the content is pretty much ready to go. Those pages will be up soon, but I don’t know if that’s where we would want to have

Beth, Different places on library’s webpage- top of page that says “resources for”, then Resources for faculty there is a section on research. That is 2 clicks away from main page. There is question of representing the research data service in the Scholarly Commens and also making sure the research data has a useable website. It is campus funded so it’s important. We should not over think and should be visible There are a dozen places where we will need to contact to ask if they will link their page to the blog. We need to encourage almost every collage and place at campus to link to our site.

Sarah, Do we want that to be the link to this blog or to the site that represents the services?

Everyone agreed that it should be site

Beth, believes we need to do something we cannot do nothing. WE need to get moving, there is an expectation.

Sarah, question If this is going to live in the Scholarly Commens, should we have a page that has the same look and feel of the scholarly comments but have its own identity?

Harriett, One thing to bear in mind is the service and what many of us are doing now when we are working interdependently and the service will point to those pages.
Beth, Each of us has a certain chunk of our time spent on the research table.

Sarah, A portion of what they (institutions) have is like data management pages. Should we leave those pages in the Scholarly Commens? – YES

Beth, Establishing separate domain- it was done with Ideals

Sarah, Research-data.illinois.edu- is this okay

Beth, I feel like the word service needs to be in there. Maybe research data services.illinois.edu?

Susan thinks it is long but other think it is good

Sarah asked about technical issues such as can it be linked to things in the CMS? How do we gain access to domain to edit it?

Susan, If we wanted a completely different look than the library, is it possible?

Sarah, Need to figure out about editing the page,

Beth will talk to Jim, and Robert (IT) to help us what type of help and idea they have.

Sarah, the subject specialists would like a standard list of what our services are with brief descriptions. Important link. Does it seem like something that would be relevant for the new site? We need to have standard list of our services. Also, Sarah talked about submitting to John through Beth a request for grad hourly assistant and what this student will do is to help us with the website present for the EZID pilot and if there is found for it, the student will be shared with Sarah S.