

Opening Dataverse Workshop

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I am happy to welcome you all to this first European Dataverse Workshop.

First, I will like to thank all of you for attending this workshop. Welcome to delegates from both US and Australia – you have traveled far. Moreover, welcome to the rest of you from Norway and other countries in Europe.

Why are we at UiT organizing this Workshop?

At UiT we have at the Institutional level an ambition to be in front in Open Science and an important aspect is of course sharing data!

UiT - the Arctic University of Norway has established and been running support services for research data management (RDM) since 2013. In this Dataverse has been a central component in the RDM infrastructure deployed at UiT. Many of our RDM services are based on, and built around our Dataverse installation.

Ever since we started engaging in RDM support services, we have been very happy with the choice of Dataverse as the backbone of our repository services. In addition to the technical aspects of Dataverse, we have been benefitting from the knowledge and technical support provided by Harvard University and the ever-growing community of organizations using Dataverse to leverage their RDM services.

RDM support staff members at UiT have been participating at the Dataverse Community Meetings at Harvard since the first meeting in 2015. The Dataverse community has been discussing whether similar community meetings also should be organized in other places than Harvard.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest for Dataverse all over the world, also in Europe. So, that's why we at UiT thought it would be a good idea to organize a Dataverse workshop in Europe where we could discuss different topics related to Dataverse focusing on a European perspective.

UiT and the University Library are proud to host the first European workshop here at our University in the far north of Norway, during the end of the polar night season.

As already expressed: I am pleased to see so many participants from different countries!

I hope you will have to interesting days in Tromsø and I will like to thank all the speakers for having accepted our invitation to contribute to this workshop!

I wish you all a good meeting!