Press Release

Launch Event for the Data Audit Framework (DAF) and Digital Repository Audit Method Based on Risk Assessment (DRAMBORA) Interactive
1 October 2008, British Academy, London

The Digital Curation Centre, DigitalPreservationEurope and the Humanities Advanced Technology and Information Institute at the University of Glasgow are pleased to announce the launch event for the Data Audit Framework (DAF) and Digital Repository Audit Method Based on Risk Assessment (DRAMBORA) Interactive Online.

Data provides a fundamental basis for research and economic growth. The UK higher education research-led institutions produce vast quantities of data. Many institutions are not aware of what data assets they hold or whether they are being looked after effectively. The JISC has supported the development of a method and online tool to enable institutions to identify and document their holdings. In addition the JISC funded Digital Curation Centre in collaboration with the European Commission co-funded DigitalPreservationEurope (DPE) initiative have developed a method and tool to determine whether or not repositories are doing a good job looking after the data. The online interactive versions of these two tools are being launched at an event on the 1st of October 2008 in London.

The **Data Audit Framework (DAF)** provides organisations with the means to identify, locate, describe, and assess how they are managing their research data assets. DAF combines a set of methods with an online tool to enable data auditors to gather this information. DAF will help ensure that research data produced in UK HEIs is preserved and remains accessible in the long term. For details of DAF see http://www.data-audit.eu .The morning part of the launch introduces the Data Audit Framework and the interactive online tool that supports the deployment of the method.

Digital Repository Audit Method Based on Risk Assessment (**DRAMBORA**) provides a method for self-assessment of digital curation practices and performance by repositories. It facilitates internal audit by providing repository administrators with a means to assess their capabilities, identify their weaknesses, and recognise their strengths, complementing other emerging work on attributes and criteria for Trustworthy Digital Repositories. DRAMBORA can be utilised by a broad range of digital repositories, digital libraries and digital archives, including those repositories whose mandates do not yet include responsibility for long-term digital preservation. DRAMBORA has been in used by a wide range organisations (see http://www.repositoryaudit.eu/dissemination/). Building on this experience the DCC and DPE have developed an interactive online version of the tool and this will be launched on the 1st of October.

The launch event on Wednesday the 1st of October 2008 will be held in the Lecture Hall at the British Academy (10 Carleton Place, London) beginning at 09:30. Registration, which is free, includes morning and afternoon coffee/tea and lunch. To attend, please submit your details through the DCC website at http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/daf-drambora-2008-london/register Registration closes on the 25th of September 2008.

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Lecture Hall, British Academy, 10 Carleton Place, London

Data Audit Framework (DAF)	9:30	Coffee and arrivals	
	10:00	Welcome and overview to DAF and DRAMBORA Launches	Seamus Ross
	10:15	The place of the Data Audit Framework (DAF) in JISC's strategy	Neil Jacobs
	10:30	Developing an audit methodology suited to research data assets	Sarah Jones
	11:00	Experiences gained from implementing the Data Audit Framework	Cuna Ekmekcioglu
	11:45	Coffee	
	12:00	Demonstration of the online audit toolkit	Matthew Barr
	12:30	Discussion	Raivo Ruusalepp (Chair)
	13:00	Lunch	
DRAMBORA	14:00	Welcome to DRAMBORA Interactive Launch	Seamus Ross
	14:15	An Introduction to Repository Assessment and DRAMBORA	Perla Innocenti
	14:45	Lessons learned Assessing Repositories with DRAMBORA	Raivo Ruusalepp
	15:15	Coffee	
	15:30	Demonstration of the DRAMBORA Online Tool	Andrew McHugh
	16:00	Discussion and Closing	Seamus Ross (Chair)
	16:30	Departure	

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