Welcome to the 9th newsletter of the State Initiative Research Data Management Lower Saxony. Today, we cover **News from the State Initiative**, **FDM-NDS introduces itself**, **upcoming events** from FDM-NDS and FDM-ndsHAW and **job posting**. Enjoy reading!

News from the State Initiative

FDM-NDS recommends: Exciting Events Beyond Lower Saxony

As the State Initiative Research Data Management Lower Saxony, we organize a variety of lectures and workshops for researchers and FDM professionals in the region. However, other state initiatives across Germany also offer exciting events. We are pleased to announce that, under the label **FDM-NDS recommends**, we will now highlight relevant events from other initiatives. In the future, we will also broaden our focus to include initiatives such as the NFDI consortia. It's definitely worth checking out our event list!

For example, things kick off today at 4:15 pm with a contribution from FDM-SH, featuring the intriguing topic (in German): Rechtssicherheit und rechtliche Standards für digitale Forschungsdaten - was wir nach 10 Jahren (nicht) erreicht haben.

Link to the FDM-NDS recommends overview

What are Persistent Identifiers (PIDs)?

A new humorous video (in German) from our colleagues at FDM-ndsHAW explores the question: What exactly are PIDs? The video is available on our joint YouTube channel as well as on Zenodo. In the past, videos on topics such as *What Are Research Data?*, *What Is a DMP?*, and *What Is RDM?* have already been published.

Link to the YouTube video

Link to the Zenodo publication

Link tot the Youtube channel of FDM-NDS and FDM-ndsHAW

To complement the video, we are hosting an online event on PIDs on **April 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM**. This one-hour presentation will provide an overview of PIDs, their benefits, development, and usage, along with practical arguments for their implementation.

For more information, simply follow the link:
Link to the event information

Efficient Research Data Management with LinkAhead

How can research data from various sources be effectively managed, linked, and reused? On March 18, 2025, at 11:00 am, we will introduce **LinkAhead** – a flexible open-source toolkit for research data management.

LinkAhead automates data integration, seamlessly connects research processes, and works with other RDM tools such as electronic lab notebooks and repositories. We will demonstrate how researchers can efficiently search and link data.

[Link to the event information and registration](#)

FDM-NDS Introduces Itself

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Responsibilities:

- Supervising and coordinating the introduction of an electronic lab notebook (ELN) at MHH, including subsequent administration
- Consulting researchers in collaboration with the FDM colleagues from PLRI
- Further developing the FDM offerings within MHH IT

Professional Background:

Medical Information Management (focus: clinical data and quality management in research and drug safety).

Favorite Area or Topic in RDM?

I find the interdisciplinary collaboration of various disciplines within the scope of FDM particularly exciting and interesting.

What is your wish for the future of RDM?

Looking ahead, I am excited about both the creation of new and the expansion of existing networks, as well as the resulting cross-institutional collaboration. A strong FDM community offers the best conditions for excellent research, which ultimately benefits us all.

If you had a day for yourself and your favorite hobby, with unlimited time and budget, what would you do?

Under these circumstances, I see myself working on my now 34-year-old VW bus (there's always something to do :))

Most important item in the office/home office?

Apart from a good filter coffee: a microfiber cloth, to prevent dust and other things from gaining a chance from the start.

Wofür steht FDM? (nur falsche Antworten) [only in German]

Friedlich demonstrierende Marsmännchen - oder - Frisch drapierter Minztee.

Events by FDM-NDS and FDM-ndsHAW

18.03.2025, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., online
Ttile: From data collection to knowledge network – open source research data management with LinkAhead
Link to registration and more information

18.03.2025, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., online
Title: Online-Workshop: Working with GRO.data
die Veranstaltung findet identisch auch am 22.04.2025, 20.05.2025 und 17.06.2025 statt
Link to registraiton and more information

08.04.2025, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., online
Title: Publizieren von Forschungsdaten in Repositorien (online)
Link to registration and more information

09.04.2025, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., online
Title: Persistent Identifier (PID) im Forschungsdatenmanagement
Link to more information

Job posting (in German)

Wir suchen für unseren Standort Osnabrück eine juristische Referentin/ einen juristischen Referenten mit dem Schwerpunkt Beratung zu rechtlichen Fragen zum

Forschungsdatenmanagement (Entgeltgruppe 14 TV-L 100%). Bewerbungsfrist ist der 24.03.2025. Für mehr Informationen bitten dem Link folgen:

[Link zur Stellenausschreibung von der Universität Osnabrück](#)

Thank you for reading. If you have any questions, you can reach us at info@fdm-nds.de.

See you next time!

Best regards,

The FDM-NDS Team

P.S. Do you have something you would like to promote in our newsletter? Let us know by April 9, 2024, at info@fdm-nds.de, and you'll be featured next time.