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Dear friends and colleagues,

In this second newsletter of 2021 we feature news from the Journal of Open Humanities Data, including a number of open calls for papers for our special collections and our general issue, reports from events we have organised, a new addition to our team and a new exciting initiative to demystify the topic of data in humanities research. Enjoy!

Events

In April we organised the [Second Open Humanities Data Forum](#), co-located with the Research Data Alliance plenary meeting. It was an opportunity to launch our [Language Documentation special collection](#) and have a lively discussion on peer review of data with the audience. Catch up on the highlights in our [Youtube channel](#).

In May I took part in the [Round Table of Experts on Data Citation](#), to try and answer the question “How do we make data citations actionable?” The event was organised by the [SSHOC project](#), which aims to develop the social sciences and humanities area of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

In June, I gave a talk at the LIBER 2021 conference, in the session “Working with Software & Data”. The talk was in collaboration with Daan Broeder and Nicolas Larrousse from SSHOC. If you’ve missed the talk, you can check out the [slides](#) and the [video](#).

Open calls for papers

We currently have [three open special collections](#) (see below) and more are in preparation, so watch this space!

“**Humanities Data in the time of COVID-19**” We have now published four articles in this [collection](#) edited by Sahba Besharati and Mandy Wigdorowitz. We are

accepting new submissions so if you have collected a dataset on the social or cultural impact of COVID-19 that is of relevance to humanities research, we'd like to hear about it. Check the [call for papers](#).

“Computational Humanities Research Data”

This [special collection](#), dedicated to the challenges of humanities data for computational research and edited by Folgert Karsdorp, Melvin Wevers and Adina Nerghes, has already published six articles and more are in the pipeline. It is related to the Computational Humanities Research conference. If you're planning a submission to the 2021 conference, consider submitting a data paper related to your research as well. See [call for papers for the conference](#) and [call for papers for the special collection](#).

“Language Documentation Collections: Assessment and Recognition”

This [special collection](#) is dedicated to the question of what an effective peer-review process for documentary materials might look like. The editors Richard Griscom, Lauren B. Collister and Hugh J. Paterson III welcome new submissions, see the [call for papers](#).

General issue

Of course, we still welcome submissions to the journal's general issue. See [our submission guidelines](#) and submit your short data paper or full-length research paper when ready!

News from our team

Our [team](#) keeps growing. Martina Astrid Rodda is a lecturer in Classics at Oxford University, Regent's Park College. Their research focuses on language variation in early Greek poetry, with a particular interest in quantitative analysis and Distributional Semantics. Martina joined JOHD's team in June as copyeditor. Welcome, Martina!

Initiatives

We have launched a new initiative on Twitter called [#showmeyourdata](#). The aim is to encourage researchers to show their datasets by sharing a picture, a screenshot, any kind of image that could be an example of their data. This would promote the values of open research and data sharing and encourage a conversation on this topic, hopefully demystifying it at the same time. So far we have focussed on papers published in JOHD, but anybody can participate. Do

join and tweet an image of your data. Don't forget to tag @johd and use the #showmeyourdata hashtag and we'll retweet you.

Latest articles

Here's an overview of the articles we have published since our last newsletter in February, covering topics ranging from stylometry to handwritten text recognition, bibliometrics, code-switching and cuneiform

- Seminck, O., Gambette, P., Legallois, D. and Poibeau, T., 2021. The Corpus for Idiolectal Research (CIDRE). Journal of Open Humanities Data, 7, p.15. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.42>
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- Lincoln, M.D., Weingart, S.B. and Eichmann-Kalwara, N., 2021. The Index of Digital Humanities Conferences. Journal of Open Humanities Data, 7, p.12. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.26>
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