

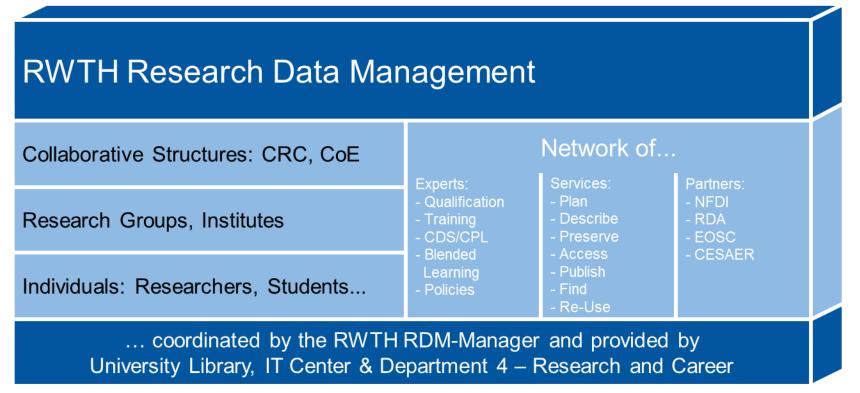
Data Stewards at RWTH Aachen University – New structures and tasks

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Research Data Management – Network-based Approach

RWTH Aachen is dedicated to **Open Science** and the **FAIR** principles in managing research data. Researchers are advised and assisted in following **standards and well-defined processes**. The university provides **professional training, personal support and technical infrastructure** for managing, storing, sharing and publishing research data.





Vision for Research Data Management (RDM) at RWTH Aachen University

RWTH Aachen University aims to implement a state-of-the-art research data management (RDM) to support **Open Science** and implement the **FAIR** principle (Findable – Accessible – Interoperable – Re-usable). The processes and services are integrated **seamlessly into the international research landscape**. With the integration facilitated by the teamwork of users and partners, we improve the **quality of research** as well as the **productivity** and **motivation of the researchers**.

Strategic elements:

- RDM as key factor to accelerate interdisciplinary research.
- Integrate data as early as possible into a structured and supported RDM data life cycle.
- Ease of use and low barriers to entry are crucial for RDM to be adopted by researchers.
- RDM needs people! Education and training is a key element start early.
- RDM is a question of trust. Transparency is important.



Aims and tasks of the Data Stewards

Aims

- Establishment, implementation and further development of a data management concept for the respective project or institute. A unique structure for the researchers should be created, which follows the guidelines of good research practice.
- 2.) Direct support of the researchers in their work to enable quality assurance of the data and to act as a multiplier for RDM at RWTH Aachen University and in their discipline.
- 3.) Linking function and creation of an information channel between the researchers and central RDM team.

Tasks

Differ widly depending on

- the focus of the project
- the working methods of the researchers
- the researchers needs



Data management at CRC 1382 Gut-Liver Axis

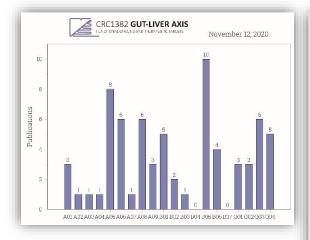
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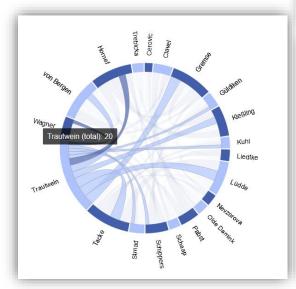
- Establishing a specified DMP-schema
- Introducing RDMO and the DMP-schema to each CRC-project-group
- Coordinating the process introducing an ELN to CRC and UKA/Medicine Faculty
- Weekly (digital) consultation hour
- Organizing data deposition on project's SharePoint document libraries,
 establishing workflows for synchronisation between local and remote data
- Maintaining publication database (https://publications.rwth-aachen.de/record/783071)
- Currently working on data-specific metadata-standards (facs-files etc.) in collaboration with CRC-members
- Work in Progress: Data Handling Protocol

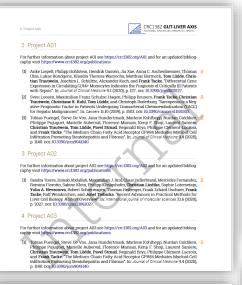


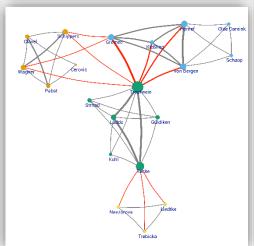


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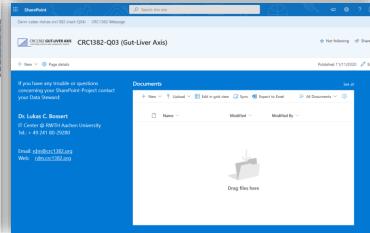


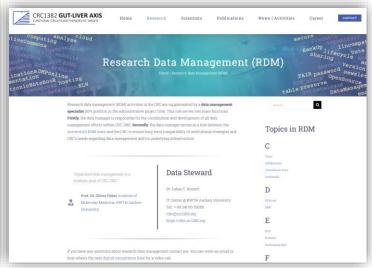






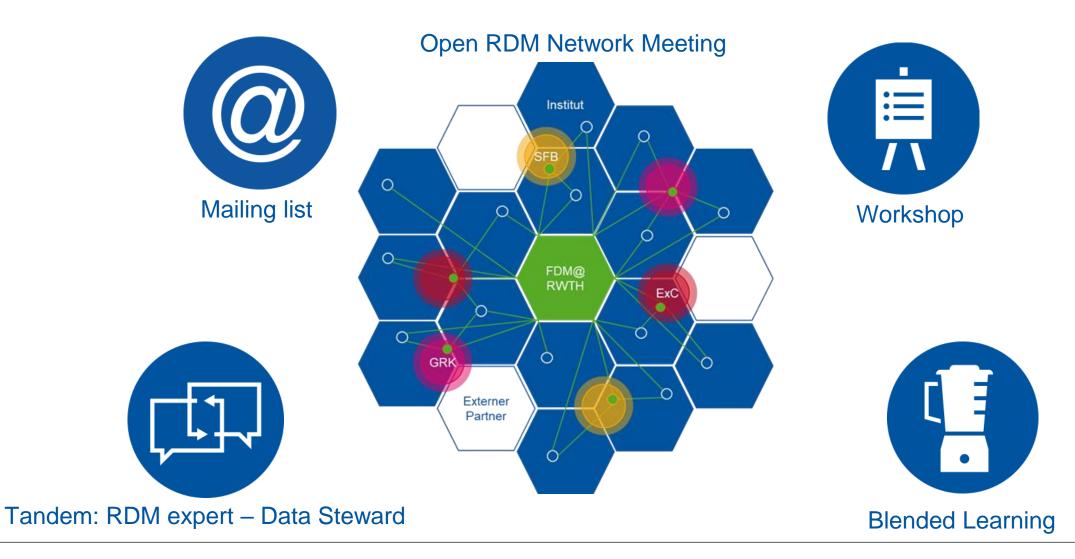








New structures for RDM at RWTH Aachen University





New tasks for central RDM team

- Coordination of the Data Stewards
 - Organisation of the network meeting
 - Time for exchange RDM expert Data Steward
 - Organisation of workshops
- Further development of the Data Steward concept
 - Development of training materials
 - Integration of Data Stewards in NFDI consortia
 - Responsive of the needs of Data Stewards
- Consultancy with Data Stewards





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