



2026

International
Digital
Curation
Conference

16-18 February 2026
Zagreb, Croatia

#IDCC26

AI, austerity, and authoritarianism:
contemporary challenges in digital
curation

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Welcome to IDCC26

The International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC) reaches its twentieth iteration in 2026

Since the first conference in 2005, IDCC has welcomed contributions on preservation and management activities that enable the long-term use of research data.

The conference has taken place in Europe, North America, and Australia. It provides individuals, institutions, and organisations a chance to meet, listen, learn, and collaborate on curation policies and practices.

Our conference theme for 2026 is inspired by insights and challenges shared by our community at previous events.

In an era where funding for curation infrastructure faces constraints, and the rise of AI tools constitutes another challenge to responsible access and reuse of data, we invite you to join us as we explore solutions and strategies. We are particularly eager to highlight examples of resilience and resistance in digital curation activities to sustain momentum in data curation and promote social change.

Our Programme will feature keynote talks, workshops and social events designed to foster networking and vibrant conversations, providing ample opportunities to engage with attendees.

This year we are thrilled to host you in the spectacular Hotel Esplanade in Zagreb. Partner with us and join us in embracing optimism and creativity as we navigate these challenges together.

Laurence Horton



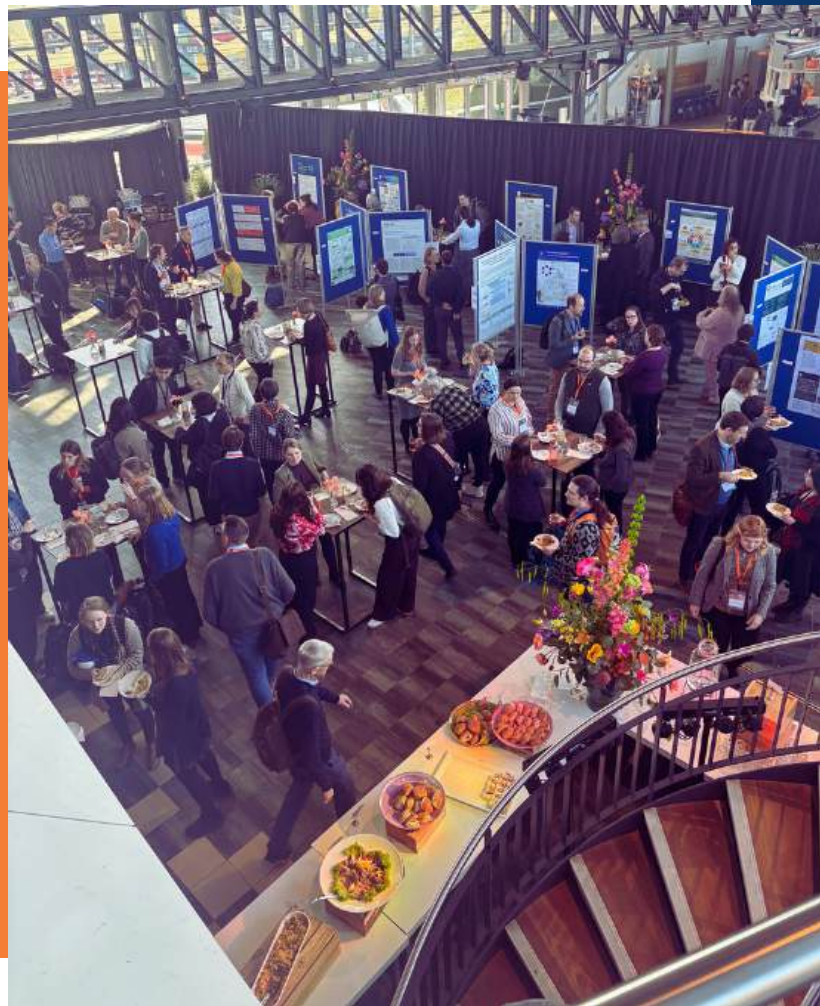
Laurence Horton

Research Data Specialist,
Chair of the Programme
Committee

About IDCC

The International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC) is a premier annual event for the digital curation community, organised by the Digital Curation Centre. It offers data practitioners a unique platform to explore the latest policy developments, best practices, and emerging research trends.

IDCC provides exclusive sponsorship opportunities, allowing a select few organisations to showcase their services, products, and events while engaging with a specialised audience.



About DCC

The Digital Curation Centre (DCC) is a world-leading centre of expertise in digital information curation with a focus on building capacity, capability and skills for research data management.

The DCC provides expert advice and practical assistance in storing, managing, protecting, and sharing digital research data. Our resources include online tools, guidance, training, and consultancy services on policy development and data management planning.



Mission

To help organisations worldwide make the best use of data in and for research



Vision

To maintain and enhance our global reputation in a sustainable and rewarding way

Why Sponsor IDCC



Brand visibility

Showcase your organisation and service offering to a new audience and gain visibility within a rapidly growing field.



Access to a global community

Past conference audiences have consistently included over 200 international attendees from 30+ countries from Europe, North America, Australia and Asia.



Become a leader in the field

Sponsoring IDCC aligns your organisation with the forefront of digital curation and data management.



Excellent networking opportunities

Sponsoring IDCC26 provides excellent networking opportunities, allowing you to connect with global leaders in digital curation.

IDCC Sponsor Testimonial

Research Data Alliance Europe

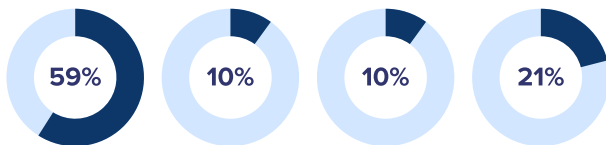
Sponsoring IDCC25 was an exceptional opportunity for RDA Europe and the RDA TIGER project to demonstrate our commitment to advancing technical, semantic, and social interoperability across Europe. The visibility and engagement we gained from discussions with IDCC delegates at the RDA TIGER booth helped us strengthen collaborations, highlight the importance of soft infrastructure via community facilitation and showcase our impact within the research data ecosystem.



IDCC25 Audience Breakdown



Organisational backgrounds (%)



Academic Institutions

Research & Development

Libraries & Archives

Other*

*Funding agencies, museums, professional associations, independent consultants



Audience Demographics (%)

33%

Male

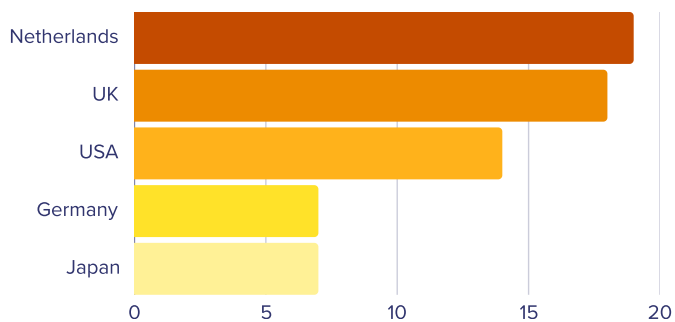


67%

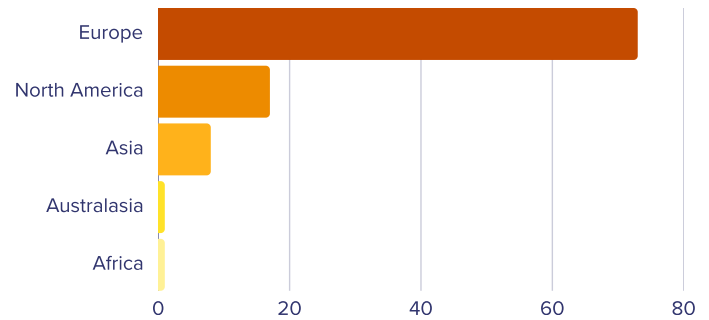
Female



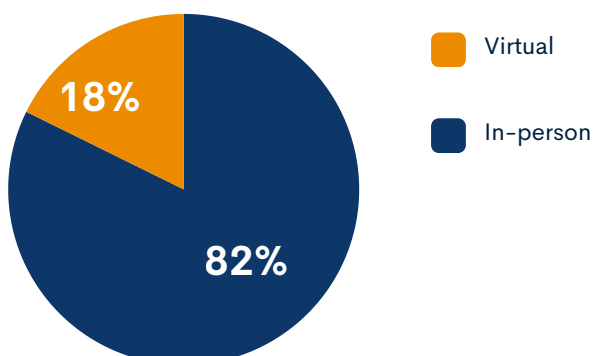
Top 5 countries represented (%)



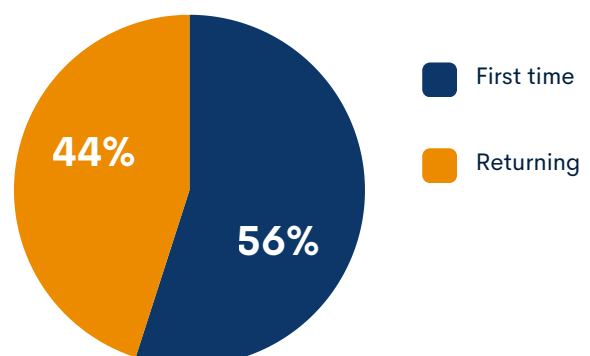
Continental split (%)



Virtual vs in-person



First time vs returning (in-person)



Sponsorship Packages

Bronze**Silver****Gold**

Sponsor acknowledgement during opening and closing session	✓	✓	✓
Logo placement on website, event platform and printed material	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor announcement in our social media channels (LinkedIn, Bluesky, Twitter)	✓	✓	✓
Virtual booth in event platform	✓	✓	✓
In person exhibit booth in networking space		✓	✓
Full access conference registration including the Conference Dinner		x1	x2
Exhibitor registrations		x1	x2
Speech during Drinks reception			✓
Sponsor an event such as Drinks Reception or Conference Dinner			✓
Include items in welcome pack to conference attendees			✓
Virtual booth in event platform			✓

£1,000**£3,000****£6,000**

*If sponsorship agreement is made before December 2025

Contact us to take advantage of our sponsorship packages or to discuss tailor-made options to suit your unique needs and preferences. Whether you're interested in customising options for receptions, travel bursaries or student attendance, we are eager to talk to you.

Other Support Options

In addition to our sponsorship packages, there are alternative ways you can contribute to our event. You can offer assistance in various forms, such as providing grants for student attendees, supporting our marketing efforts or even donating goods to enhance your visibility.



Student Ticket Support

- Offer grant or pre-purchased tickets for your students to attend the conference
- Photo and publicity opportunity
- Increased student engagement & networking opportunities



LMIC Ticket Support

- Contribute towards the ticket cost for delegates based in low- and middle-income countries
- Publicity and visibility opportunities as our conference supporter



Session Support

- Support a particular session or element of the conference
- Publicity and visibility opportunities on our website, in-person during the conference and on our outgoing communications

Venue - Esplanade Zagreb Hotel

IDCC26 will be hosted at the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel. Dating back to 1925, the Esplanade Zagreb is one of the most famous and gracious buildings in Zagreb. The hotel, renowned for its highly personalised and impeccable service, is the centre of Zagreb's social life since it opened, counting presidents, politicians, film stars and musicians among its many distinguished visitors.



Esplanade Zagreb offers supreme luxury for the spirit and all senses in the heart of this historic city, close to all its major sights and delights.

Programme Highlights

Networking Events

Drinks Reception

16 February

We will kick off IDCC with our Pre-Conference Drinks Reception on Monday, 16 February 2026. This evening offers the perfect setting to connect with fellow delegates in a relaxed and informal atmosphere, setting the stage for meaningful conversations and collaborations before the main event.



Conference Dinner

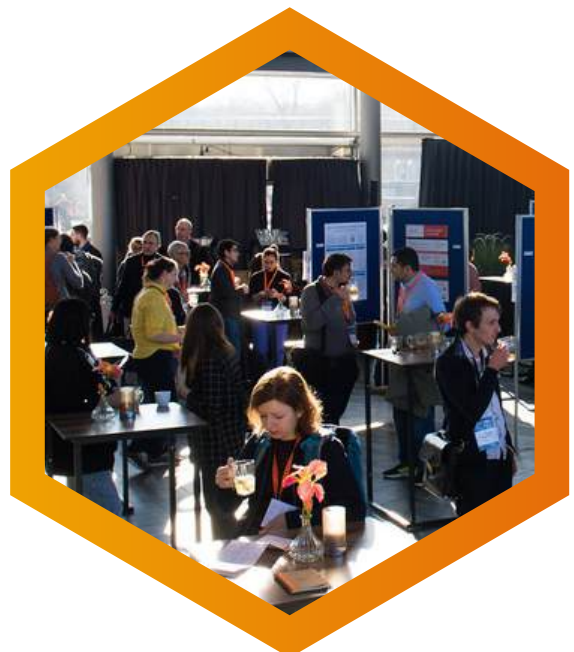
17 February

Join us for an unforgettable Conference Dinner on Tuesday, 17 February 2026. Hosted in a grand venue, enjoy a sumptuous three-course meal and live entertainment. This event provides an exceptional opportunity to engage in enriching discussions with colleagues and leaders in the field, enhancing your networking experience.

Poster sessions

17 & 18 February

Our dedicated poster sessions offer a dynamic platform where accepted posters are showcased at the conference venue. Presenters can actively engage with attendees, answer questions, and network, facilitating in-depth discussions and valuable connections.



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Let's talk!



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