Helping researchers manage their data
... at the University of Southampton

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DataPool  http://datapool.soton.ac.uk/
Building Capacity, Developing Skills, Supporting Researchers

- Data repository
- Metadata log
- Embedded
- Implemented
- Ratified
- Developing skills
- Graduate training
- Case studies

1. University Research depositories & readers
   - Access
   - SharePoint infrastructure
   - University Research Collaboration portal

2. Deposit form
   - Meta Data Deposits
   - Meta Data Deposits Process

3. Data Deposit Process (University Repository)
   - Data Deposit Process (External)
   - Other Data repository

4. External repository
   - File Request/Transfer process
   - External User access (via Google search)
   - Cached read version
   - File Request process

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DataPool Service Model

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Developing our service approach

Essential for service provision

Agile, Bespoke, Collaborative

Helpful way of working to build experience

Iterative, Investigative, Interdisciplinary
Data Management Planning

• Robust – team and rota underpin email enquiry service

• Grow expertise within team, knowledge-exchange, peer sharing

• One-stop-shop website and policy provide framework for individual plans

• Discursive process – raises awareness of wide range of University services

• Experience informs services developments e.g. Research Portal embedding in Faculty space
Data Management Planning

Number of Data Management Plans by Funder

- MRC: 22
- AHRC: 4
- AHRC/ESRC: 1
- BBSRC: 8
- Breast Cancer Campaign: 1
- DFID: 6
- ESRC: 1
- EU Marie Curie: 1
- MRC/Wellcome: 1
- STFC: 1
- Wellcome: 0
DMP only part of service

Number of Data Enquiries

- Data Management Plans: 56
- Data Handling: 18
- Deposit: 1
- Dissemination: 1
- DOI: 4
- Measuring Impact: 1
- Metadata: 1
- Other: 1
- Storage: 1
Wide discipline spread for data enquiries

Total Enquiries by Discipline
Preparing and depositing data – journal

3. Results and discussion

The isotherm maps presented in this paper provide a striking visual depiction of summer air temperature development over the landmass of northwest Europe during the Lateglacial–early Holocene transition. In this discussion we will first highlight the major gradients and trends apparent in the C-IT data and discuss the likely mechanisms driving these temperature developments. Second, we will contrast and compare the C-IT against the B-MCR data and discuss likely reasons for any major differences between these data. Third, we will consider the reliability of the data we present and discuss the reasons for any major shortfalls. Finally, we will use the maps to identify gaps in the geographical and temporal coverage of our data in order to prioritise the locations for new summer temperature records. The data and maps shown in Figs. 3 and 4 can be downloaded from the University of Southampton eprints: http://dx.doi.org/10.5258/SOTON/361991 (Langdon et al., 2014).
Langdon, Peter, Riddy, Liam and Brooks, Steve (2014) Summer temperature gradients in northwest Europe during the Lateglacial to early Holocene transition (15-8 ka BP) inferred from chironomid assemblages. doi:10.5258/SOTON/361991 [dataset]

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Description/Abstract

The raster temperature data was interpolated from site temperature data estimated from Chironomid records using Kriging. Temperatures are in Degrees Centigrade. The dataset covers all of Northern Europe including Iceland and Scandinavia.
Granularity... and disciplinary exemplars
Training

• On demand group sessions on preparing DMPs by Faculty/disciplinary centre

• Embedded PGR training as part of Researcher Development Graduate Centre programme “RDM 101” – first principles and case study exemplar

• Co Library and PGR/ECR led

• RDGC just funded 2 year continuation for PGR input and production of some supporting podcasts to supplement case study guide
Expanding case study approach

Introducing Research Data

Aimed at those about to start some research work, this useful guide is an introduction to the various forms that research data can take; provides examples from a number of disciplines; sections on the importance of looking after data and some helpful tips on best practice.

http://library.soton.ac.uk/researchdata
Next steps

- DMP is for project lifecycle, not just for award – follow up successful bids to offer ongoing support

- Iterative development of training/workshops

- Expand take up of DOIs and data deposit - formal DOI issuing policy to be ratified at next Research Committee

- Build on cross service expertise for seamless referrals and partnership support – knowledge transfer, retain specialisms

- Consortial and inter/national sharing
Shared Service Engagement

Enthusiast

Community Engagement

Organisational Commitment

Further Innovation

Communities of Practice