

SNAC September 2020 Newsletter

From the Operations Committee

Announcements

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All-Partners Meeting

The SNAC Operations Committee invites you to join the Cooperative membership for our annual all-partners' meeting slated for September 24th and 25th. Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, this year's event will be fully virtual via Zoom and will be conducted in two, three-hour sessions from approximately 1-4 EDT/10-1 PDT. All sessions are open to members and non-members. Meeting registration and conference connection details are forthcoming.

A tentative agenda is as follows:

September 24

- State of the Cooperative Address by Daniel Pitti, SNAC Director, including future plans.
- Report on editing policies for source citations in SNAC records.
- Reports from all SNAC working group chairs.
- Updates and demonstrations on technologies SNAC is developing for Cooperative members to create and manage their records in SNAC at scale. These include EAD-to-CPF extraction services, an OpenRefine extension, and ArchivesSpace integration.

September 25

- Demonstrations of user interface enhancements, controlled vocabularies management, and relations management for records in SNAC.
- Presentations from partners about local SNAC integration for projects and as part of routine workflows.
- Brief overview of SNAC's initiative focusing on descriptions of enslaved persons that is being led by documentarian and historian Bernetae Reed, followed by one of Reed's films documenting her visit to a slave port in Ghana.

SNACSchool will be in session on Wednesday, September 23rd. The class is now full.

Please note that SNAC working groups will not gather during this event, but will hold separate meetings as routinely scheduled.

Please feel free to share this announcement with any colleagues you feel would like to learn more about SNAC. We look forward to your participation!

SNACSchool reminder

In addition to September 23, training events will take place on October 21-22, November 18-19, and December 16-17, all from 1-4 pm eastern (10 am-1 pm pacific). Please email [Dina Herbert](mailto:Dina.Herbert@nara.gov) to reserve a space. Classes are capped at 25 participants.

SNAC Stats

The following includes some general statistical information about SNAC's research portal. The Operations Committee began providing this information in March of this year and plans to continue to do so on a monthly basis.

As of reporting time (August 31), there were 3,734,263 identity constellations and 2,093,096 resource descriptions in SNAC. In the past month, SNAC had over 46,400 users and referred over 4310 visitors to holding institutions sites.

Working Group Updates

Communications:

Faith Charlton, Chair (faithc@princeton.edu)

The Working Group is happy to welcome two new members: Betts Coup (Houghton Library) and Joe Schill (Corning Museum of Glass Rakow Research Library)!

Developer's Update:

Joseph Glass, Lead Developer (jhg2v@virginia.edu)

The development team is preparing the next release of the OpenRefine extension. The upcoming release will include the ability to batch insert Constellations with Resource Relations into SNAC.

SNACSchool and the NARA Liaisons Team:

Jerry Simmons (jerry.simmons@nara.gov) and Dina Herbert (dina.herbert@nara.gov), Co-chairs

The SNACSchool Team will hold its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, September 16th, 2-3:30 p.m. This installment will focus on SNAC Review issues. The Team welcomes any SNAC partner engaged in SNAC review at their local shops to discuss review practices and trends as SNAC editorial policy and practice evolves. Any partner interested in volunteering for the

SNACSchool Team, or becoming more involved in SNAC review, should contact [Jerry Simmons](#).

Technology Infrastructure:

Alex Duryee (alexanderduryee@nypl.org) and Iris Lee (ilee@amnh.org), Co-chairs

The Technology Infrastructure Working Group welcomes two new members to their team: Jane Cross (Archivist, Music Division, LOC) and Kelly Revak (Metadata Librarian, ILSPLO, LOC). The monthly meeting was held Wednesday, August 18; minutes can be read here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PNGyKXTqa7-n_vUary_F3ufFmAD6R55_mgyEXZwhUsw/edit?usp=sharing

Members are finalizing feedback on the ArchivesSpace Agents module. The compiled document will be sent to Christine Di Bella after Labor Day.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/18TWdUWDm8NFIj8u79PYbdAAwk6vOL-hwA_eBL8_JtR0

Editorial Standards:

Susan Pyzynski, Chair (pyzynski@fas.harvard.edu)

The Editorial Policy and Standards Working Group held their monthly meeting on August 17, the minutes can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15RIbqv59sihEGwLmdJBOvs6g3AgG3xNPH8EncisEp4/edit>

The Citation Policy has been updated so that the now obsolete SourceName doesn't appear in the examples: <https://portal.snaccooperative.org/node/358>

The SNAC Cooperative monthly newsletter provides news about SNAC activities and is sent to our Cooperative Members listserv, which is open to anyone interested in SNAC. Those interested in subscribing to the listserv can do so here: <http://lists.village.virginia.edu/mailman/listinfo/snac-coopmembers>.

To comment on or request more information about the SNAC newsletter please contact the Communications Working Group Chair, Faith Charlton, at faithc@princeton.edu or fill out the contact form at <https://snaccooperative.org/contact>.



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