

The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

It gives me great pleasure to announce that The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) has become an allied organisation of the Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC).

The ICPSR (<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/ICPSR/>) is, like the DPC a membership organisation. It encourages and facilitates research and instruction in the social sciences and related areas by acquiring, developing, archiving, and disseminating data and documentation relevant to a wide spectrum of disciplines, and by conducting related instructional programs.

Chris Rusbridge, a Digital Preservation Coalition Board Director, said:

"We are delighted to welcome ICPSR as an international affiliate of the Digital Preservation Coalition. Established in the early 1960s, this prestigious organisation is a pioneer in the preservation and curation of social science and related data in the US. We are honoured by its recognition of the important role of the DPC internationally, and are strengthened by its commitment."

Myron Gutmann, Director of ICPSR, said,

"The Digital Preservation Coalition plays a central role in ensuring coordinated action for digital preservation. Membership in the DPC and ICPSR's long-term commitment in this area give us an opportunity to help accomplish important goals that our organizations share."

Nancy McGovern, ICPSR Digital Preservation Officer, said,

"It has been a pleasure to work with the DPC on the Digital Preservation Management workshop curriculum. ICPSR's membership in the DPC will foster that collaboration as we move into the next phases of the workshop and as the digital community envisions shared

international curricula for digital preservation and curation."

I would wish to endorse all of the above and I am sure that ICPSR's expertise and experience will enrich the DPC membership. A closer working relationship will afford increased opportunities for both organisations to take forward their missions and goals to the benefit of their members and the wider community.

I look forward to working closely with ICPSR colleagues.

Frances Boyle (DPC Executive Director)