

BESSIG Meeting Wed, Aug 21, 4 - 6 PM

NSIDC's and ultimately Boulder's loss of Mark Parsons is RDA's gain. But maybe that's better for the world as a whole. Join us at the [Boulder Outlook Hotel](#) on August 21 to hear about the Alliance Mark has joined.

The Research Data Alliance: Creating the culture and technology for an international data infrastructure

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All of society's grand challenges -- be it addressing rapid climate change, curing cancer and other disease, providing food and water for more than seven billion people, understanding the origins of the universe or the mind -- *all* of them require diverse and sometimes very large data to be shared and integrated across cultures, scales, and technologies. This requires a new form and new conception of infrastructure. The Research Data Alliance (RDA) is creating and *implementing* this new data infrastructure. It is building the connections that make data work across social and technical barriers.

RDA launched in March 2013 as a international alliance of researchers, data scientists, and organizations to build these connections and infrastructure to accelerate data-driven innovation. RDA facilitates research data sharing, use, re-use, discoverability, and standards harmonization through the development and adoption of technologies, policy, practice, standards, and other deliverables. We do this through focussed Working Groups, exploratory Interest Groups, and a broad, committed membership of individuals and organizations dedicated to improving data exchange.

What data sharing problem are you trying to solve? Find out how RDA can help.

[Schedule](#)

4:00 - 5:00 Presentation

5:00 - 6:00 Social

Please join us!