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To: Adhering Bodies and Associate Adhering Bodies

Subject: Joint Declaration of Data Citation Principles

A 'Synthesis Group' <https://www.force11.org/node/4785> of experts and organizations organized in mid-2013 - including CODATA and ICSU-WDS and building on the work of the ICSTI-CODATA Task Group on Data Citation - has developed a common set of high-level principles on data citation. You will find the 'Joint Declaration of Data Citation Principles' here: <http://www.force11.org/datacitation>, including other background information. As the preamble to those eight short consensus principles states, they are not meant as a blueprint for implementation of data citation policies and practices, but as high-level guidance for organizations such as IUBMB to develop and then implement a data citation protocol. These principles integrate the emerging consensus of several different international groups working in the data citation arena. The principles were broadly reviewed and discussed over the past several months. The full record of review comments and other supporting information may also be found at the link above.

IUBMB has endorsed these principles and is now disseminating them through this message to all Adhering and Associate Adhering Bodies.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding formulating a formal data citation protocol for use within the areas of biochemistry and molecular biology on an international basis, please send your comments to me and I will relay them to the Data Citation Implementation Group.

Yours sincerely,

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