Promoting community processes and actions to make neuroscience FAIR

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The International Neuroinformatics Coordinating Facility (INCF), established in 2005, is an independent organization dedicated to promoting data sharing through the coordination of infrastructure and standards. INCF recently implemented a formal procedure for evaluating and endorsing community standards and best practices in support of the FAIR principles [1].

By formally serving as a standards organization dedicated to open and FAIR neuroscience, INCF helps evaluate, promulgate and coordinate standards and best practices across neuroscience. Community participation is crucial to this.

INCF’s SBP Community Review Process

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Accepted and Upcoming SBPs

Stay tuned! Soon we will have three more FAIR community standards out for public comment: NIX, NWB, and NIDM-standards!

We need your feedback! Please follow us in social media or check our website regularly to get updates on when we post proposed standards.

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