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Two meetings: ELIXIR Toxicology and FAIR4ChemNL

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Noting that in the coming week I am not attending the ELIXIR All Hands in Uppsala. Having lived in (and around) Uppsala for more than three years, I am disappointed and with the first stories from colleagues coming in even more. But it has been a way too busy year, I have much to finish up, and I need to take care of myself too. I am not 32 anymore.

But in the past two weeks I did attend two workshops. The first was a workshop by the ELIXIR Toxicology Community, which was held in Utrecht/NL. The programme was around FAIR and included two really nice hands-on sessions where we developed drafts for FAIR Cookbook recipes (see also doi:10.1038/s41597-023-02166-3) and for FAIR Implementation Profiles (doi:10.1007/978-3-030-65847-2_13). We will write up a BioHackrXiv report.

The second workshop was last week, the FAIR4ChemNL workshop, which was also held in Utrecht/NL. The topic was FAIR in chemistry, and we discussed various aspects. There was a significant participant group from the German NFDI4Cat project ("Cat" is short for (chemical) catalysis), which recently published a nice analysis of several ontologies (doi:10.1186/s13321-024-00807-2). And there was also a lot of mention of RDF and SPARQL.

I think it is time for a new special issue around semantic web technologies.