Into The Limelight
Supporting less developed OA communities

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The „Advanced“

Proportion of Repository Organisations by Country - Worldwide

- United States: 33.3%
- United Kingdom: 16%
- Japan: 9.2%
- Germany: 7.4%
- Spain: 6.6%
- Poland:
- Italy:
- Taiwan:
- Brazil:
- France:
- Canada:

Total = 1725 organisations

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Göttingen University as example
The „Other“: Out of sight …
but not out of mind!

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Typical questions from developing communities

• How can I convince our University Governing Board?
• How do you talk to your researchers?
• How can I get our national funders/ministries support?
• How can we organise a national OA/repository program?
• Can you help us to select the right repository software?
• What are the relevant standards when we implement our repositories?
• Have you talked to publishers about depositing in repositories?
• How many staff have other universities for their OA/repository activities? What are their skills?
• Are there training courses for repository managers?
Two large International and European…

Communities of Practice

Geography
- EU + Latinamerica + JP + CN + CA

Scope
- Broad: Facilitate a global knowledge infrastructure, networking open access digital repositories

Funding & Lifetime
- Membership fees, permanent

Geography
- EU

Scope
- Specific: support the implementation of EC’s OA policy

Funding & Lifetime
- EC, project duration

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Questionnaire „Expectation of members“

• Best practices, guidelines and training materials delivered;
• Act as voice for international repository community
• List of services
• I expect COAR not only supporting individual repositories but considering existing repositories and exchange knowledge, e.g. exchange metadata schema
• The sense of a committed group of OA-specialists/experts that should make the difference!
• We also found support from COAR to our legislation initiative.
• Operating mentor service
• Stronger profiling as a governance authority, integrating existing initiatives in a transparent and cohesive way as a broker between supply and demand
• Start a dialogue with publishers, affirming the repository interests

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Working Group 1: Repository Content

Objective 2: Populate repositories with content. Collect, assemble and disseminate best practices for the inception, operation and growth of OA repositories

WG 1 “Repository Content”, Chair: Kathleen Shearer, CARL, CDN; Co-Chair: Neil Jacobs, JISC, UK

Priorities for 2011/2012
1. Share best practices and expertise for populating repositories
2. Develop guidelines for the implementation of open access policies
3. Promote open access policies and practices with publishers
Working Group 2: Repository Interoperability

The Case for Interoperability for Open Access Repositories

Abstract

Open Access repositories provide a component of the potential to interconnect. However, in order to provide unified access to the major elements of the repository community and launch a process that will lead to the establishment of a COAR roadmap for repository interoperability.

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Working Group 3: Training

Repository and Repository Networks Support

National Helpdesks

Resources

Useful reading for repository managers

Introduction
- What are Institutional Repositories? A Briefing Paper written by Alma Swan for OASIS
- Institutional Repositories, Tout de Suite. Written by Charles W. Bailey, Jr.

Setting up and running open access repositories
- JISC infoNet - Introduction to the Digital Repositories infoKit. Guide to setting up and running digital repositories, management issues, overview of the benefits
- Repositories Support Project. Support materials concentrate on four broad themes:
  - Technical: software selection and installation, technologies, metadata, interoperability
  - Organisational: staffing, business requirements and incentives, copyright clearance and digital rights management
  - Repository management: policies, workflows, archiving and preservation
  - Advocacy: advocating to different stakeholders and advising on advocacy within institutions
- IR Wiki, developed by Stellenbosch University SUNScholar repository team:
  - Repository Management:
    - Introduction to Institutional Repositories

National and regional information portals and support

Productiva, Biblioteca Electrónica
mincyt.gov.ar

dex.php?%C3%A1gina_Principal
micos.wordpress.com/

d at the Vienna University Library:
naire.eu
id=71&Itemid=115&lang=en

/AuseAccess/. Launched by
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urt Service (CAIRSS)
the Council of Australian

/forums.google.com/group
Launched by Allison Hunter,
nd New Zealand

project based at Queensland
stralia, especially copyright and
OpenAIRE: Where advanced and developing communities meet

Try to reach out to researchers as early as possible. (Netherlands)

Networking is our power! (Portugal)

We need to see the wider picture. (Sweden)

Open Access is now a theme at the highest level in Denmark.

Things take time –

As indicated elsewhere in this Report, OpenAIRE is actually much more than OpenAIRE. The scope of the project and the novelty of its structure tend to underscore its value as a model for an emerging political entity such as the European Union. In effect, OpenAIRE explores the networked possibilities that move well beyond the centralized, hierarchical model of old and even federated models that exist in various European nations. Designing policy to utilise the power of networks is perhaps the most important challenge Europe is contributing to solve, and, in its own special ways, OpenAIRE will provide data to move forward on that particular front.

Spain is working in the coordination at the national level of IR and OA

Networking is an important driver for open access developments! (Germany)

Promotion OA among officials, researchers, publishers, librarians (Lithuania)

OpenAIRE project has significantly stimulated OA/IR in the Czech Republic!

From the OpenAIRE Midterm Review Report, 3 Dec 2010
Supporting less developed Communities: Recommendations

- One size doesn’t fit all!
- Listen to the questions before you provide answers
- Support the development of national/regional communities
- Respect communities’ diversity
- Structured frameworks (projects, organisations) are useful
• http://www.coar-repositories.org/
• http://www.openaire.eu/

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