

COAR Working Group 3: Repository and Repository Networks Support & Training

Work Plan, 2010-2011

Objective: Support regional and national repository initiatives; promote the repository manager profession

Why?

- Facilitating the emergence of “new” profession repository manager
- Fostering the exchange of ideas and expertise
- Sharing experiences and best practices within the repository community

Benefits for COAR members

- A global forum for the exchange of information and experiences
- Knowledge sharing through peer-to-peer learning and information exchange
- Community of professionals

Action plan

Summer – autumn 2010:

- Create & maintain a list of recommended training materials on operational issues required to install, implement and deploy open repositories:
 - 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, introducing open access policies and mandates.
- Create & maintain a list of experts ready to provide mentoring services (practical assistance and advice with an emphasis on operational and organisational issues)
- Create & maintain overview of national helpdesks
- Translate training materials (into Spanish and other languages where there is a need)
- Create a list of best practice case studies
- Support and advise regional initiatives, such as CLARA (objective: to develop a federation of repositories in Latin America), Caribbean Scientific Union Project “Open Institutional Repositories infrastructure network for Central America and the Caribbean”, etc.

Autumn – winter 2010-2011 (some activities might require additional funding)

- Set up mentoring service
- Organise training events
- Develop tools and materials: commissioned best practice stories and case studies, position papers, expert reports, etc.

Outcomes

- A pool of experts created
- Mentoring service is set up
- The best practice case studies are collected and shared
- Training events are organised
- COAR Helpdesk is operational

Success

- A databank of expertise and best practice
- Practical support to the members
- Successful training programs