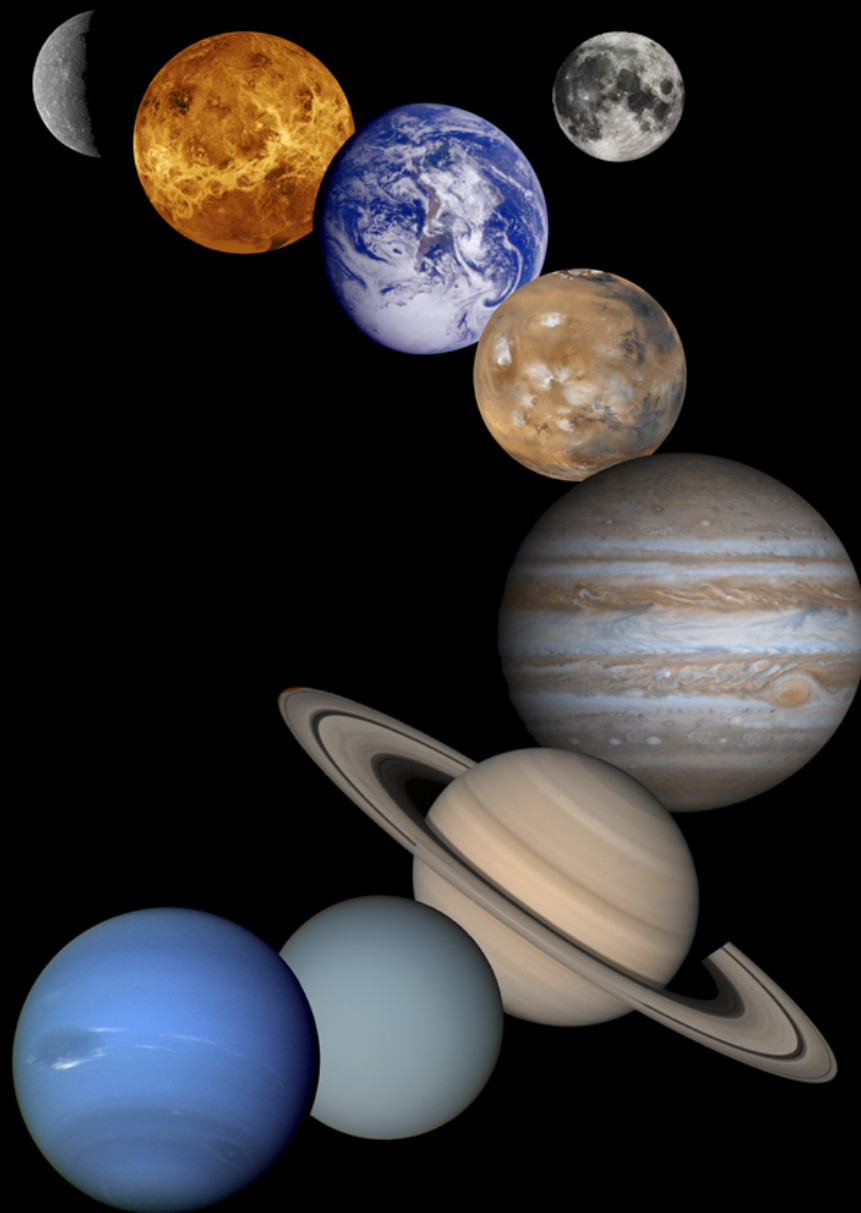


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The aim of the accord is to foster greater cooperation between regional repository networks by identifying common principles and areas of collaboration that can lead to concrete actions and the development of global services.

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Collectively we aspire to strengthen and enhance the distributed, community-based open access infrastructure around the world.

Moreover, we acknowledge that strong relationships between regional and national repository networks are important, and that there are significant benefits of working together:

- The development of value added services on top of global repositories requires the widespread, international adoption of common, open APIs and metadata standards.
- Concentrating efforts at the regional and national level will ensure responsiveness to local needs and contexts, and prevents overlaps and cost redundancies.
- Sharing metadata across regions ensures comprehensive, global data coverage.

To further our collective vision, we agree to collaborate in the following areas:

- Regular communications: Facilitated by COAR, we will communicate regularly to exchange information, network with each other, and identify areas for potential collaboration. At least one in-person meeting will be organized annually to enable technical and strategic discussions.
- Common APIs, standards, and protocols: Developing global services will involve the widespread interoperability and integration across data providers, and between data providers and network services. We will work together to define standards, APIs and protocols that will support a wide range of network services.
- Technology transfer and co-development of technologies: Similar services and technologies are being envisioned and deployed by many networks. Instead of each region working in silos, we will look for opportunities to transfer technologies and co-develop software, where appropriate.

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