



*Working towards a sustainable, global knowledge commons based on a network of open access repositories*

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## **COAR Annual Report 2018-19**

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## I Introduction

COAR is an international association with 149 members and partners from around the world representing libraries, universities, research institutions, government funders and others. COAR brings together the repository community and major repository networks in order build capacity, align practices, define future functionalities, and act as a global voice for the repository community.



Five strategic directions guide COAR's activities:

- I. Advocate for the role of a sustainable and distributed network of open repositories as the foundation of a global knowledge commons;
- II. Provide support for the open repository community and build local capacity for the development and management of repositories and repository networks;
- III. Define and promote alignment and interoperability across repositories, repository networks, and between repositories and other systems and platforms;
- IV. Advance the adoption of new behaviours, technologies and functionalities in repositories and repository networks;
- V. Increase the sustainability and effectiveness of the organization and strengthen the COAR brand.

## 2 Programmatic Activities

COAR's programmatic activities for 2018-2019 were organized according to the five strategic directions:

### 2.1 Strategic Direction I

**Advocate for the role of a sustainable and distributed network of open repositories as the foundation of a global knowledge commons**

#### Presentations and Keynotes

COAR representatives participate in numerous conferences, events and sessions related to the open science, open access, and repositories. In particular, the COAR Executive Director and Chairman delivered a number of “keynote” presentations presenting the high level vision of COAR and the work we are doing to progress this vision international in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas. A complete list of presentations is available at the end of the end of the report.

#### COAR Response to Plan S

In December 2018 and February 2019, COAR provided feedback related to the Plan S principles and the draft Implementation Guidance. COAR expressed support for the goal of Plan S to achieve “immediate Open Access to all scholarly publications from research”. However, in the submission, COAR outlined some concerns that the technical requirements are too onerous and will result in only large, well-funded publishers and repositories to become compliant. The unintended consequence is that Plan S would further entrench the position and control of a small number of players in the scholarly communication system, hampering innovation and our ability to control costs. To that end, COAR offered to work with cOAlition S to help ensure that the requirements are feasible and implementable. Because COAR's feedback was published quickly, it helped to align the community around a common message and the input was cited by several other organizations.


## Good Practice Principles

In January 2019, COAR and SPARC published [seven good practice principles](#) to ensure scholarly communication services are transparent, open, and support the aims of scholarship. These principles can be used by clients to make decisions about with which services they will contract and by service providers to improve their practices and governance. This was a follow-up to their joint [statement](#) in September 2017, in which COAR and SPARC pledged to collaborate with others on actions that will ensure research communication services are better aligned with the aims of research. COAR has been contacted already by organizations that are planning to put them into practice in their own local context.

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## Good Practice Principles for Scholarly Communication Services

COAR and SPARC have developed seven good practice principles to ensure that scholarly communication services are transparent, open, and support the aims of scholarship. These principles can be used by users to make decisions about which services they will contract with, and by service providers to improve their practices and governance.




### GOOD GOVERNANCE

The service has strategic governance that allows community input on the direction of the service and operational governance with community representation and decision making power.




### OPEN STANDARDS

The service uses open APIs to enable interoperability, and adheres to open standards. Ideally, the platform is based on open-source software, but in cases where it is not, user-owned content is managed according to well-established, international standards.




### FAIR DATA COLLECTION

Only data necessary for the service's provision are collected from users and the type of the data collected and how they are used is clearly and publicly articulated.




### TRANSPARENT PRICING AND CONTRACTS

The service's contract conditions and pricing are transparent and equitable, with no non-disclosure agreements included.




### EASY MIGRATION

User-owned or generated content can be easily migrated to another platform or service upon termination of contract, without any additional fee from the service provider.



### SUCCESSION PLANNING


If the service is a nonprofit, the organization's bylaws state the conditions and terms governing how the organization may be transferred or wound down. If the service is provided by a for-profit entity, the contract/agreement should not be assignable to another entity without the client's express permission.



### OPEN CONTENT

Content, metadata and usage data are immediately, openly and freely available in machine-readable format via open standards, and using licenses (like CC0 or similar) which facilitate reuse.

These principles are informed by Principles for Open Scholarly Infrastructure-v1 by Bilder G. Lin J. Neylon C (2015) © 2019 COAR and SPARC, subject to a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License



**Figure 1 - "Good Practice Principles for Scholarly Communication Services" from COAR and SPARC**

## European Union Copyright Directive Intervention

The European Parliament has been developing and debating a Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market, intended to ensure "a well-functioning marketplace for the exploitation of works and other subject-matter with the aim of protecting press publications reducing the "value gap" between the profits made by Internet platforms and by content creators". COAR has been part of a coalition of libraries and universities that has been advocating for the rights of education, research and cultural organizations in this context. Most pertinent for COAR, the early drafts of the Directive would have required that repository managers undertake a copyright check for every object deposited into the repository and also adopt filtering technologies. Thanks to extensive efforts, the coalition and other interveners, academic and research institution have been exempted from these requirements that will be imposed on private industry. The vote in Parliament was held on 26 March 2019, with the Directive was passed by a vote of 338 MPs to 284. The Directive still requires final discussion by the member states via the Council of the European Union. If approved, the Directive will enter into force 20 days after being published. If not approved, the proposal will go back to Parliament for a second reading.

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## 2.2 Strategic Direction II

**Provide support for the open repository community and build local capacity for the development and management of repositories and repository networks**

### Repository Toolkit

In the fall of 2018, COAR launched a [Repository Toolkit](#). The aim of the toolkit is to provide repository managers with best practices and educational resources to support interoperability, discoverability and the development of value added services. The toolkit provides access to resources related to the role of repositories, discovery and interoperability, next generation repositories, and contains links to technical information for implementing and managing repository platforms.

### Webinars

COAR continued its webinar series with several interactive events offering information about the latest trends and topics in open access and repositories. These webinars, some for members only and some for the public, are a mixture of virtual presentations and facilitated discussions about important issues for COAR members. A detailed list of webinars is available at the end of the report.

## COAR Repository Training

COAR participated and contributed to the organization of several repository training events:

**Arequipa, Peru** In July 2018, COAR participated in a [training event](#) organized by DuraSpace and CONCYTEC, the Peruvian Council for Science and Technological Information. The aim of the workshop was to help increase expertise for managing repositories at Peruvian universities and was attended by over 130 people, with another 120 people watching it on the live stream. The training took place in conjunction with a two-day conference at which COAR also had the opportunity to present our vision for the future of repositories to a large Peruvian audience.

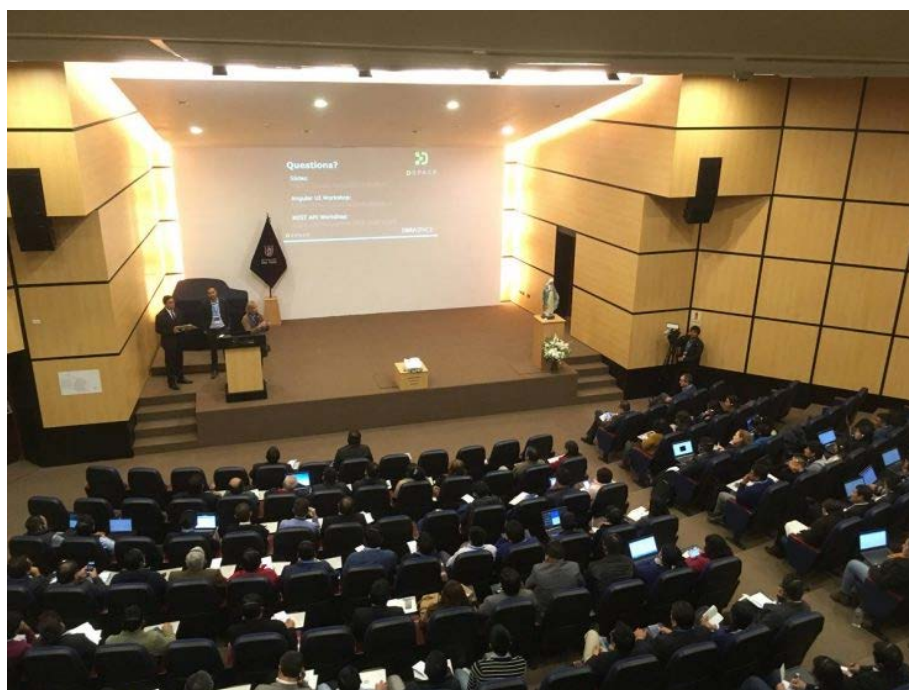


Figure 2 – Peru Repository Workshop on July 18, 2019 in Arequipa, Peru

**Pune, India:** “Think global, act local - International trends in open science and repositories” workshop took place on March 4, 2019 in Pune, India. The workshop was organized by Central Library of All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society’s College of Engineering Pune, in association with COAR. Over 70 Librarians from all over Maharashtra, India attended the workshop.

## Asia OA Meeting

On March 6-7, 2019, we had the [COAR Asia 2019](#) meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The meeting was hosted by Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) and was well attended by government representatives, national open access advocates, local researchers and librarians, as well as several members of the Bangladesh parliament. The event was covered by the local media – in the national [newspaper](#) and on broadcast on national television. As in previous years, the meeting was an opportunity to focus on open access activities in the Asian region and exchange information about strategies, infrastructure and policies, as well as provide the community with an update about COAR's next generation repositories and aligning repository networks work.



Figure 3 – COAR Asia OA Meeting on March 5, 2019 in Dhaka, Bangladesh

### 2.3 Strategic Direction III

**Define and promote alignment and interoperability across repositories, repository networks, and between repositories and other systems and platforms**

COAR has been making steady progress towards greater alignment of repositories and repository networks. We continued efforts to support international alignment and harmonization of repository networks. Much of this work is undertaken as part of the OpenAIRE projects, funded by the European Commission. COAR is the lead organization for the Work Package in both OpenAIRE proposals responsible for Aligning Repository Networks. Part of this work is discussed earlier in this report in terms of advocacy and promotion, as well as much of the work described below:



## Strategic and Technical Meeting of Repository Networks

On May 14 & 15, 2018 COAR hosted a meeting of repository networks to discuss services and technologies of networks around the world. Repository networks aggregate the metadata and (sometimes content) from repositories and increasingly offer value added services such as integrating resources, discovery and tracking of research outputs, text and data mining, and assessment of usage and impact of research outputs. They also play an important role in community building across repositories, ensuring the adoption of common standards and best practices at local repositories that belong to the network. The meeting was organized in conjunction with the COAR Annual Meeting and was attended by 25 participants from 15 different national/regional networks. Another meeting will take place in conjunction with the COAR Annual meeting in May 2019.

## COAR Controlled Vocabularies

The COAR Controlled Vocabulary Editorial Group continued to work on translations of the “Resource Type” and “Access Rights” vocabularies. They are now available in 7 languages and have also been adopted into the OpenAIRE Metadata guidelines.

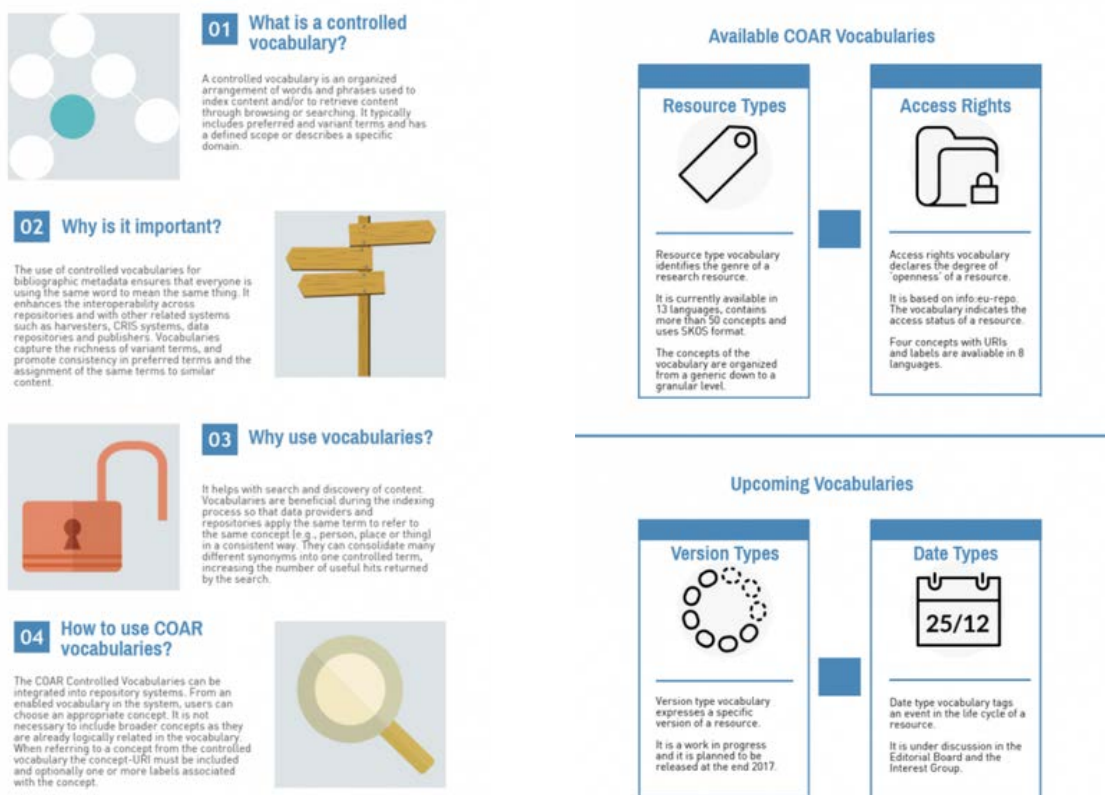


Figure 4 - Controlled Vocabularies infographic

## OpenAIRE Advance - Bilateral Projects

COAR is the lead organization for OpenAIRE Advance activities related to interoperability and alignment of scholarly communications infrastructure. These activities involve raising awareness and advocacy for sustainable, regional services and working with other regional and national networks (or proxies) to adopt common standards, exchange and enhance metadata across networks, and collaborative development of interoperable network services.

The OpenAIRE Advance Project is facilitating data exchange and development of new services between OpenAIRE and several other countries. Given the global nature of research it is imperative that the infrastructure being developed is interoperable and integrated with other types of infrastructure, both vertically (with other related infrastructures in Europe) and horizontally, with similar services being developed in other countries and regions. In terms of horizontal integration, OpenAIRE has already been working with a number of countries and regions to align their activities and create a more seamless global view of research outputs.

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**Africa:** COAR has been participating in the LIBSENSE project, which is led by WACREN (West and Central African Research and Education Network). LIBSENSE is an initiative aimed at developing collaborations between libraries and research and education networks (RENs) in Africa to support open science. LIBSENSE is being progressed through a series of workshops in different regions in Africa, in conjunction with the annual meetings of the regional RENs. One outcome of this initiative is a [template](#) for a Terms of Reference (ToRs) for joint activities across these the NREN and library communities that defines four key areas of collaboration: social change, infrastructure, capacity building, and value added services, and provides examples of specific activities. Another aim is to have LIBSENSE evolve into an active African community of practice for librarians and RENs related to open science.



**Figure 5 - Africa Libsense II workshop – building library/NREN collaborations for open science, Accra, Ghana on March 11&12, 2019**

**Latin America:** LA Referencia is an important stakeholder for COAR as it represents eleven national repository networks in Latin America, and provides a mechanism for engaging with the repository community in that region. LA Referencia will be participating in several aspects of the OpenAIRE Advance project: Common usage statistics between Europe and OpenAIRE, Broker-as-a-service, and capacity building/training activities. While these activities will be launched in 2019-2020, LA Referencia has been planning for these events through technical development. They have also been developing a strategy for the adoption of OpenAIRE guidelines version 4 in Latin America.

**Canada:** This project involves OpenAIRE aggregating metadata (and full text) from Canadian repositories and other information providers (publishers, international repositories and Crossref), to provide a comprehensive view (knowledge graph) of research outputs in Canada and support the tracking and monitoring of compliance with the Tri-agency open access policy. The service will integrate with OpenAIRE infrastructure in order to: (1) provide its content as part of the European aggregation, and (2) collect enrichments (e.g. links to projects, links to datasets) and (3) enhance the local Canadian knowledge graph. COAR has been working with the Canadian Association of Research Libraries to promote this project and help to prepare the Canadian data providers to be ready for the OpenAIRE service which will be ready in 2020.

## 2.4 Strategic Direction IV

**Advance the adoption of new behaviours, technologies and functionalities in repositories and repository networks**



### Next Generation Repositories

COAR has been working to advance the next generation repositories recommendations and vision through four mechanisms:

- I. Promotion and Awareness:** COAR has been working with members, regional groups and other stakeholders to promote the vision of next generation repositories at relevant conference, meetings and other events.

- 2. Adoption of NGR technologies into repository platforms:** The focus in 2018/2019 has been on supporting the open source platforms in adopting Resource Sync and Signposting, two technologies that support many of the NGR behaviours. On June 6, 2018 COAR held a [meeting](#) of open source repository platforms to talk about the implementation of technical recommendations, which was attended by representatives from Dataverse, DSpace, EPrints, Fedora, Invenio, Islandora, and Samvera. Most open source platforms now have these technologies on their roadmaps, and COAR is also working with OpenAIRE, NII and other groups to help with development and funding resources to support the adoption of technologies in widely used software versions through add-ons/plugin-ins.
- 3. Enhancing network services:** COAR has been involved in the development of two proposals to develop a peer review/publication functionality on top of distributed repository platforms. The first is a proposal to the European Commission proposing to develop “PubFAIR”, a modular, production-ready open source publishing platform, enabling innovative open review and metrics, supporting publishing workflows for all products of science, while sitting on top of a base of public repositories. A second proposal is in development by a group of US organizations (and COAR) with a similar vision. The COAR 2019 Annual Meeting will showcase a number of demonstrator projects related to merging green and gold functionalities.
- 4. Monitoring new technologies:** An [Editorial Group](#), made up of a subset of members of the Next Generation Repositories Working Group, continues to monitor new and emerging technologies and will make recommendations when relevant protocols or technologies are considered stable and useful to advancing the NGR vision.

## Research Data Management

Many COAR members are adopting services that include research data management. There are many other organizations providing training and information resources in this domain, so COAR has been assessing where the organization can provide some unique value. COAR hosted a webinar related to research data management to share experiences from members about expanding services from managing articles and text-based content. In addition, the COAR Executive Director is active in Research Data Alliance activities, attending at least one of the bi-annual meetings each year, with the aim of bringing new ideas and practices back to COAR members.

## 2.5 Strategic Direction V

**Increase the sustainability and effectiveness of the organization and strengthen the COAR brand**

### COAR Membership Survey

In July/August 2018, COAR undertook a survey to better understand the value of the organization its for members and define priority activities in the coming years. The major takeaways from the survey were: (1) members most value COAR for staying up to date with current practices for repositories and strengthening the role of repositories in the scholarly

communication/research landscape; (2) priority COAR activities for members are next generation repositories, research data management, and interoperability and alignment; and (3) members would like COAR to continue working at the strategic level, but would also like to have more engagement and pragmatic support for repository operations.

### **New COAR Branding**

COAR has contracted with a design company to develop new branding for COAR. The aim is to modernize COAR's branding through creation of a new logo, theme/colours and website. In addition, the COAR office will be reviewing the structure and content of the current website to ensure currency and a fresh approach. This will be accompanied by a new strategy for COAR's engagement with members and messaging to the broader community. The aim is to have the new logo and website launched in the summer 2019.

### **Increase in COAR Membership Fees**

At the 2018 COAR Annual Meeting, members voted for a membership fee increase for 2019. In 2019, the COAR membership fees were raised to 750 EURs and will remain so for the next several years. In addition, organizations that are able to pay an additional fee of 2000 EURs or more, on top of the 750 EURs, will become "Supporting Organization" and will receive special recognition. The aim is to reduce reliance on external granting funding and ensure greater sustainability of the COAR organization so that we can deliver value to members.

### 3 Organisation & Governance

#### 3.1 Memberships and Partnerships

Membership has grown quite substantially during the past year. Since April 2018, 15 institutions from 14 different countries (Austria, Botswana, Costa Rica, Canada, El Salvador, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Korea, Lithuania, Russia, Spain, Sudan, USA) have joined. At the same time, one institution ended their membership at the end of 2018 and another one in the beginning of 2019. In April of 2019, we had one new supporting organization, Harvard University, and it is expected other organizations will join in this category the coming years.

	Full single members	Consortia (# of institutions)	Special members	Partners	Supporting organizations
April 2018	109	2 (17)	1	9	N/A
April 2019	120	2 (20)	2	6	1

**Table 1 Development of Membership April 2018 - April 2019**

#### New members since the General Assembly 2018:

##### Supporting organizations

Harvard Library (United States)

##### Individual members

Department of Agriculture Research (Botswana)  
 Digital Repository of Ireland (Ireland)  
 GESIS - Leibniz Institute for Social Sciences (Germany)  
 Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (France)  
 University of Guelph, MCLAughlin Library (Canada)  
 Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (Korea)  
 Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (Lithuania)  
 National Electronic-Information Consortium (Russia)  
 Technische Universität Wien (Austria)  
 Université de Rennes I (France)  
 University of Arizona Library (United States)  
 Universitas Brawijaya Library (Indonesia)  
 Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Spain)

##### Consortia

LA Referencia added two new members to their COAR consortium:

Consejo Nacional de Rectores (Costa Rica)  
 Viceministerio de CyT de El Salvador (El Salvador)

##### Special members

Sudanese Academic Libraries Consortium (Sudan)

The number of partners has decreased since June, as it was decided at the last Annual Meeting that partners must be actively engaged in COAR activities and be aligned with COAR through:

- Common goals and values
- Working together on specific activities
- Concrete benefits to COAR

### **New partners since the General Assembly 2018:**

- DuraSpace: This partnership is focusing on implementation of next generation repositories recommendations into the DuraSpace repository platforms and joint training activities in different regions.
- 4Science: This partnership is focusing on implementation and monitoring of next generation repositories technologies into repository platforms.

## **3.2 Executive Board**

The Executive Board takes the lead on major strategic decisions regarding the activity areas of COAR as well the overall responsibility for the organization and its finances. A focus of discussions during the past year has been to move the Next Generation Repository vision to implementation, as well as ensuring greater financial sustainability of the organizations. The Executive Board meets every two or three months via teleconference with one face-to-face meeting during the COAR Annual Meeting. During 2018/2019, one face-to-face Executive Board meeting took place on 15 May 2018 in Hamburg, Germany.

Eloy Rodrigues from University of Minho, Portugal has been COAR Chairman since October 2015 and we re-elected as Chairman for another 3-year term in 2018. Eloy has been an active participant in COAR since its inception in 2009 and offers a wealth of experience with repositories and open access. He is known and respected around the world and brings a valuable strategic perspective about the role of repositories in the future of scholarly communication.

Other members of the Executive Board are Kazu Yamaji, Vice Chairman (National Institute of Informatics, Japan), William Nixon, Treasurer (University of Glasgow, United Kingdom), Bianca Amaro (IBICT, Brazil), Wolfram Horstmann from (Göttingen State and University Library, Germany), Oya Rieger (Cornell University, USA), Daisy Selematsela (UNISA, South Africa), and Martha Whitehead (Queen's University, Canada) who all contribute their considerable experience, regional perspective and diverse outlooks to COAR.

The current Executive Board is in its first year and will continue until summer of 2021.

### 3.3 COAR Office

In June 2018, the main administrative activities of COAR were moved from Gottingen State and University Library in Germany to the University of Minho in Portugal. This was due to a change in the policy at Gottingen University that no longer allowed them to host external not-for-profit organizations. The legal seat and permanent contact point of COAR remains in Gottingen, and the Library in Gottingen continues to manage the legal affairs of COAR through in-kind contributions.

### 3.4 Personnel

COAR currently has approximately 1.2 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) in total staffing, split over several persons and locations. Kathleen Shearer is Executive Director, working from Montreal, Canada; Ilkay Holt provides works with for Controlled Vocabularies group, manages the COAR webinar series and provides support for communications and the annual meeting. Carla Marques, based at the University of Minho is responsible for administrative aspects of COAR. In January 2019, Paul Walk joined COAR as a consultant to provide technical and strategic guidance to COAR, especially related of adoption of next generation repository vision.

### 3.5 Funding

COAR receives funding from the following sources:

- Membership fees
- European Commission
- Fundraising: Voluntary contributions
- Registration fees
- Benefits in Kind

*Membership fees:* All regular members contribute through the annual fee of 750 EURs. Invoices are sent to members in the 1st quarter of the year. Funding through membership fees support the permanent functioning of the association and cover about two thirds of the annual budget. This year, there has been a new category of membership called supporting member with a higher annual fee.

*European Commission:* In 2018, COAR continued its participation in project activities funded by the European Commission, which contributes a significant portion of the COAR budget. Funds from OpenAIRE2020 (which ended in June 2018) and OpenAIRE-Advance projects (which began in January 2018), supported the international aligning of repository networks and some next generation repositories work.

*Fundraising: Voluntary contributions:* On a non-regular basis, COAR also receives financial contributions from the partner institutions or other organizations, either as subsidies and/or for specific programme activities. In 2018/2019, COAR received financial and organizational support for the Annual Meeting and the Asia OA meeting from: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition, Leibniz Information Centre for Economics, OpenAIRE, National Institute of Informatics, SPARC North America, and the University of Alberta Libraries.



*Registration fees:* Some of the costs of the Annual Meeting 2018, hosted by ZBW Leibniz Information Center for Economics in Hamburg, Germany were covered through registration fees of participants.

*Benefits in Kind:* Several institutions provide significant staff time in contributing in the different activities of COAR. Especially generous contributions have been made by the Editorial Group of the Next Generation Repositories, ZBW Leibniz Information Centre for Economics Hamburg/Germany for hosting the Annual Meetings in 2018, CCDS for organizing the Annual Meeting in 2019. Göttingen State and University Library provided rent-free office space and infrastructure to the COAR Office until June 2018, and University of Minho, Portugal provided rent-free office space and infrastructure beginning in July 2018.

### 3.6 Annual Meeting

The 2018 COAR Annual Meeting took place on May 14-17, 2018 at the ZBW Leibniz Information Center for Economics in Hamburg, Germany. The meeting was filled to capacity and, with representatives from 30 countries, was the most diverse COAR meeting to date. It offered an opportunity for COAR to take stock of the current status of the work being done to build a global knowledge commons through strengthening and connecting next generation repositories across the world. Meeting participants were taken on a (virtual) world tour of the open science landscape from Australia – through South Africa, Ethiopia and Sudan – to the European Union and Russia – through the nine Latin American countries participating in LA Referencia – through Canada and the US – and to Asia via China, South Korea and Japan. Presentations from the Annual Meeting are available on the [COAR website](https://www.coar-repositories.org/).



**Figure 6 - COAR Annual Meeting 2019 - ZBW, Hamburg, Germany**

## 4. Dissemination Activities

### 4.1 Webinars

COAR publishes its webinar recordings on its [YouTube channel](#).

- Shearer, Kathleen, & Walk, Paul. [COAR Webinar: Plan S and Repositories](#).
- From Open Access to Open Science: Supporting the Transition to Managing Research Data (2018, December)
  - Robin, Rice. [Applying Gap Analysis to a Data Life Cycle Approach in Development of RDM Services](#).
  - Vlaeminck, Sven. [How to Start RDM-Services for Economists?](#)
  - Barbara Hirschmann, [Publishing research data in ETH Zurich' repository Research Collection](#)
  - Lluís Anglada & Mireia Alcalá Ponce de León, [Collaborative Work in the University Libraries of Catalonia](#)
  - Rebeca Marin Del Campo & Marisa Pérez Aliende, [e-cienciaDatos: Consorcio Madroño towards Open Science](#)
- User engagement in repository services
  - Bernal, Isabel. (2018, October). Engaging Researchers with DIGITAL.CSIC.
  - Korhonen, Tuija. (2018, October). Data Support Services at the University of Helsinki.
  - Gorogh, Edit, Karacsony, Gyongyi, & Fazekas-Paragh, Judit. (2018, October). Researcher Engagement at the University and National Library of Debrecen.
- Next generation repository technologies: ResourceSync.
  - Klein, Martin. (2018, September). ResourceSync: A Modular Framework for Web-Based Resource Synchronization.
- Knoth, Petr. (2018, September). CORE's use of ResourceSync and Evaluating the Performance of OAI-PMH and ResourceSync.
- Chan, Leslie. (3 May 2018). Open Access in the Global South: Perspectives from the Open and Collaborative Science in Development Network.

### 4.2 Infographics

- [Good Practice Principles for Scholarly Communication Services](#)

### 4.3 Presentations

The COAR Executive Director, Executive Board, members and partners have presented COAR at various international conferences and other events (see table below). It supported various members and partners in strategic issues and COAR priorities.

Date	Conference - Location	Presentation title	Speaker
2018, June	Open Repositories 2018 – Bozeman, USA	Next Generation Repositories: Scaling up Repositories to a Global Knowledge Commons	Eloy Rodrigues, Petr Knoth, Andrea Bollini
2018, June	Open Repositories 2018 – Bozeman, USA	The Prospects of Greater Community Coordination for Open Scholarly Communication Infrastructure	Kathleen Shearer, John Willinsky
2018, June	EIPub Conference – Toronto, Canada	Integration and Interoperability between Repositories and Journals	Kathleen Shearer
2018, July	LIBER Conference. Lille, France	Next Generation Repositories. New Technologies to Position Repositories in the Global Knowledge Commons	Martha Whitehead, David Wilcox
2018, July	CONCYTEC Conference. Arequipa, Peru	Open is Not Enough! Sustainability, Equality, and Innovation in Scholarly Communication.	Kathleen Shearer
2018, September	1º Encontro CAPES de Ciência Aberta - Repositórios Digitais. Brasília, Brazil	Building a global knowledge commons: ramping up repositories to support widespread change in the ecosystem	Eloy Rodrigues
2018, September	International Conference on Research Infrastructure. Vienna, Austria	Supporting Open Science through a Global Network of Open, Digital Repositories.	Kathleen Shearer
2018, September	Biredial - La Plata Argentina	10th Conference on Open Access Scholarly Publishing. Vienna, Austria	Kathleen Shearer
2018, October	LA Referencia Annual Meeting. Santiago, Chile	Abierto no es Suficiente! Sustentabilidad, Igualdad y Innovación en Comunicaciones Académicas	Kathleen Shearer
2018, November	XXVI Asamblea de REBIUN (XXVI Annual Meeting of the	Hacia una nueva generación de repositorios:	Eloy Rodrigues

	Spanish Network of Academic Libraries). Salamanca, Spain	promoviendo el acceso abierto, el cambio y la innovación en la comunicación académica	
2018, November	Zanzibar, Tanzania	LIBSENSE Workshop I	Iryna Kuchma, Omo Oaiya, Kathleen Shearer
2018, November	Queen's University Digital Symposium. Kingston, Canada	International Alignment Activities	Bianca Amaro, Omo Oaiya, Kathleen Shearer, Martha Whitehead, Kazu Yamaji
2018, November	TIC.EC - Congreso Ecuatoriano de Tecnologías de la Información y Comunicación. Riobamba, Ecuador	Construyendo una nueva generación de repositorios para el acceso abierto y la ciencia abierta	Eloy Rodrigues
2018, November	COUPERIN Conference, Lyon, France	Next Generation Repositories: Que faire pour une meilleure interopérabilité	William J. Nixon
2018, December	CRICS 10 - 10º Congresso Regional de Informação em Ciências da Saúde. São Paulo, Brazil	Uma nova geração de repositórios para um sistema de comunicação científica sustentável e inovador	Eloy Rodrigues
2019, January	OpenAIRE Assembly, Debrecen, Hungary	Overview of OpenAIRE Advance WP5: International Alignment Activity	Kathleen Shearer
2019, January	Lagos, Nigeria	Open Science and Next Generation Repositories. Ekoconnect Conference	Kathleen Shearer
2019, February	OASPA Academy Owned Webinar	Open is Not Enough! Sustainability, Equality, and Innovation in Scholarly Communication	Kathleen Shearer
2019, March	Think global, act local - International Trends in open science and repositories conference. Pune, India	Next Generation Repositories	Kazu Yamaji, Kathleen Shearer
2019, March	Asia OA Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh	International Trends for Open Access and Open Science	Kathleen Shearer

2019, March	Accra, Ghana	LIBSENSE Workshop II	Iryna Kuchma, Omo Oaiya, Kathleen Shearer
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**Table 2 - Presentations made by COAR Executive Director, Executive Board, members and partners at various international conferences and other events.**

## **Appendix I: Governance and Staffing 2018/19**

### **Executive Board**

Eloy Rodrigues, University of Minho, Portugal (Chairperson)  
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