

Contents

Introduction	1
From the Working Groups	3
From the Regions	4
From the Executive Board	5
From the Office	6
Forthcoming Events	6
Recent Publications	6-7

Introduction

Dear members and partners of COAR,

It was a great pleasure to meet many of you at the Annual Meeting in May in Sweden and we are glad to inform you that the new Exec. Board was elected with: Prof. Norbert Lossau, Göttingen State and University Library, Germany as the Chair; Carmen-Gloria Labbé, Cooperación Latino Americana de Redes Avanzadas (RedCLARA), Uruguay as the Co-Chair; and Dr. Márta Virágos, University and National Library of Debrecen, Hungary as Treasurer. Within this newsletter you will find a summary of the highlights and impressions of the atmosphere. Moreover, you will find updates from our Working Groups and a digest of news on what recently happened worldwide.



COAR Annual Meeting in Uppsala

During the upcoming weeks, COAR representatives will give presentations at a number of conferences, amongst others a workshop at the ICTK-conference in Bangalore, India and – at the same time – a sponsor's exhibition stand at the Open Repositories conference in Edinburgh, UK. Don't miss the chance to come by and talk to COAR members and colleagues at these occasions – we look forward to having a chat with you!

Last but not least, we wish you a pleasant and relaxing summer break and see you back in the fall for an update of yet more COAR activity! For now, enjoy reading our newsletter.

Annual Meeting of COAR

On 21-22 May, the Third Annual Meeting of COAR was held in Uppsala, Sweden. We thank Uppsala University, Uppsala University Library and the National Library of Sweden for the great organisation of the event. Norbert Lossau summarised the verbal feedback received by many members: "This has been a highlight of COAR activities. The Annual Meeting gave exciting insight into international developments, such as the major campaign for an IR Grid in China or the advanced services developed and implemented in China". At the meeting Aina Svensson presented an interesting overview of the DIVA Consortium and their new digitalisation project "Silver Bible". The programme continued with the keynote from Xiaolin Zhang (National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences - CAS) entitled "Institutional repositories in China: Going strong and solid".

After a small break the workshop "How to bring Open Access and licensing together: Best Practices" was moderated by Kathleen Shearer (Canadian Association of Research Libraries - CARL). The best practices from Göttingen State and University Library, Max Planck Society, and the Science and Technology Electronic Library of Argentina were of great interest to the

audience. Ten posters from different countries and different Open Access projects such as Mediterranean Open Access Network (MedOANet), and posters on Open Access from many countries including Japan, Argentina, Spain, Germany, Great Britain and Austria were successfully presented within two minutes. Please click on the website link to read more about the presentations: <http://bit.ly/Mli9SS>. Following this the Executive Board was elected and the Annual Reports were shown to the General Assembly.

The second day started with the session “Repository Networks and Services” moderated by Eloy Rodrigues (University of Minho). Several interesting subjects such as the COAR Interoperability Roadmap, Nationwide Repository Network from the National Institute for Informatics (NII), Japan, and Open Access and Interoperability from the Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, were presented. The overview from DRIVER to DRIVER2 to OpenAIRE and OpenAIREplus was presented in the morning workshop by Donatella Castelli, Italian National Research Council, Institute of Information Science and Technologies (CNR). After the break diverse topics were discussed in small groups in an interactive workshop moderated by Iryna Kucma, Electronic Information for Libraries (eIFL). As commented by Wilma van Wezenbeek (TU Delft Library) on her blog “Open Access is sacred” on May 28: “At the second day the best experience for me was the rotating workshops where 5 topics were discussed with the same group guided by topic moderators. Perhaps not each workshop (we only had 10 minutes per topic) ended up in creative discussions, but altogether this is a way to get all participants to think and work”. After the lunch an optional social program visiting Uppsala University Library guided by Ulf Goranson was offered. The day continued with the Internal Strategic Meeting and ended with an informal dinner at a wonderful restaurant near the Uppsala railway station.

COAR Strategic Committee

Open Access repositories are immersed in a changing and evolving environment. The only way to advance through this landscape full of opportunities but also threats is with a strategic vision. For that reason, COAR has considered it a priority to create a COAR Strategic Committee, to provide a number of strategies that will lead COAR-actions over the next 4 years. This Strategic Plan will help COAR to address new challenges while deepening the organization's commitment to develop the global knowledge infrastructure of networking Open Access repositories from across countries, regions and disciplines. The COAR strategic Plan will be published shortly amongst members.

New Members

COAR welcomes all new members and groups who have recently joined our association:

As the first institution from Austria, Vienna University Library and Archive Services has taken on a leading role for their country and become actively involved in COAR. The library of the new University of Lorraine in France eagerly joined COAR after its foundation at the beginning of the year. A pioneer in its field of expertise is CRISin, the national organization for Current Research Information System in Norway. CRISin took over responsibility from NORA, a founding member of COAR. University of Toronto Libraries, representing the largest research library system in Canada and ranking third among North American university research libraries, joined our international network. Last but not least, Cornell University Library from USA became a member in July.

COAR receives LIBER Award

On 29 June 2012, Kathleen Shearer, Birgit Schmidt and Norbert Lossau received the LIBER Award for Library Innovation for their paper “Licensing Revisited: Open Access clauses in practice”. The paper describes work being done through COAR to advance open access implementation via content licenses. It reviews the current landscape in terms of open access clauses and discusses the opportunities available for expanding open access via the use of licensing negotiations. Therewith, the paper was considered as one of the three abstracts which best describe innovative work in the overall theme of the Annual Conference “Mobilising the knowledge economy for Europe”.

The abstract for the paper is available on the LIBER conference website at http://www.utlib.ee/liber2012/index.php?id=programme&item=acc_papers#7_3 and the full text will be published and made available open access in the coming months.

From the Working Groups

WG1: Repository Content

The interactive session, "Open Access Policy, Licenses and Advocacy" at the Annual Meeting, Uppsala, resulted in general agreement by participants that there is a growing awareness of Open Access (OA) in the scholarly community, but not necessarily a growing awareness of OA repositories. There is often a misunderstanding that OA is the 'gold road' only. Participants speculated that the greater visibility of OA is likely to be due to the growing number of OA mandates and international OA advocacy, rather than grassroots activities on campus. That said, for faculty, prestige still trumps visibility. Strategies that have been successful in terms of promoting OA are: connecting the repository with Research Assessment activities; providing

automated tools and staff support for deposit; and negotiating to have publishers deposit directly into repositories. Participants suggested that COAR could work to further promote and implement Open Access and OA repositories by: bringing together a number of models for OA policy implementation to assist funding agencies and nations in moving forward; advocating for OA at the international level; engaging directly with publishers to change their policies and facilitate direct deposit; encouraging members to establish OA funds to pay for OA publishing charges; and continuing to work with the licensing community to include Open Access archiving clauses in licenses.

WG2: Repository Interoperability

“Repository Interoperability Roadmap” from Working Group 2 will be presented by Eloy Rodrigues, Universidade do Minho, Portugal on 10 July 2012 in Edinburgh.

"Towards repository interoperability for Open Access and Open Science" session facilitated by Eloy Rodrigues and Alicia López Medina will take place on 6 November as a Berlin 10 preconference event.

WG3: Repository and Repository Network Support and Training

Members of WG3 met at the parallel session of the Third Annual Meeting of COAR in Uppsala, Sweden, on 21 May, to review last year's work, finalize plans for the upcoming year, and create a new list of tasks/project assignments for the second half of 2012. Four priority action areas have been identified. The first line of action is to compile a collection of training materials on operational issues required to install, implement and deploy open repositories. Over a dozen COAR members have already shared their training materials such as handouts, new staff

training documentation, posters, brochures, and slides related to setting up and managing open repositories. The Working Group thanks all the COAR members who have already contributed and who are willing to contribute. The materials will be publicly released in June in different languages (with extensive English abstracts for non-English language materials), most of them under CC-BY licenses. Secondly, in September COAR will be launching a series of webinars to foster the exchange of ideas and expertise and to share experiences and best practice amongst the COAR members. The topics and dates will be announced on the website soon. COAR also plans to support members with on-site training events (by request). More information is available at: <http://bit.ly/x85XFR>. The third line of action is to launch a support service for COAR members (expert consultations). We are building a database of experts willing to provide consultations to COAR members on repository development and management. We hope all COAR members will be willing to share knowledge and expertise with colleagues. We will be in touch with all of you this summer to launch this useful service for members. Finally, we are exploring possibilities to launch a certified COAR training course for Latin America in partnership with LA REFERENCIA – Red Federada de Repositorios Institucionales de Publicaciones Científicas (<http://lareferencia.redclara.net>).

Reports from the regions

Latin America

COAR supports the Argentinean repository community to become active and visible on an international scale. The “Sistema Nacional de Repositorios Digitales” (SNRD), supported by the Argentinean Ministry of Science, Technology & Productive Innovation (MINCYT), has now started the development of a national network of digital repositories. The main objectives of

SNRD are to promote Open Access, the exchange of research through a national network of repositories, and interoperability of Argentinean repositories with other Latin American and international virtual networks.

Chile meeting

Carmen Gloria Labbé, Silvia Nakano and Alicia López Medina, Malgorzata Lisowska, Bianca Melo Amaro and Florencio Utreras met at a workshop in May 2012 in Chile. The subject of the session was to discuss strategic plans for a regional infrastructure for COAR to support the growing Open Access movement, repositories, and initiatives throughout the region. Please read more at: <http://bit.ly/MJsyY5>

Joint workshop at WSIS

Silvia Nakano from Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación Productiva (MinCyT), Argentina, presented a COAR, IFLA, EIFL and SPARC workshop “Rethinking the Agenda for Development: Open Access Policies and Practices” at the World Summit on the Information (WSIS). The workshop’s starting point was a presentation of best practice – how policies were drawn up and implemented, and how the results not only increased content but also allayed concerns on the part of researchers. The session called on additional presenters who were in the middle of similar processes, and they described the challenges they are facing to implement their programmes. The second part of the workshop focused more on advice and tools to implement Open Access policies in support of development. Presenters were joined in a panel by an expert in the development agenda. Please see: <http://bit.ly/pyWeaQ>

Asia

The number of full text items in institutional repositories in Japan exceeded one million on 1 June 2012. That is to say, more than a million Open Access articles/documents are now available online from Japan. The fact was

captured by JAIRO, a service provided by the National Institute of Informatics (NII), which harvests all metadata of the content in Japanese institutional repositories. In terms of the number of metadata, 15 September, 2011, was a milestone date where one million was exceeded, but in terms of real content, June 2012 is more significant. Please visit the following URL of the English page that also shows the kinds of content, the number of repositories and other relevant figures:

<http://jairo.nii.ac.jp/en/>

North America

COAR sponsoring SPARC Meeting

COAR was pleased to be a sponsor for this year's SPARC meeting which was held in Kansas City, Missouri on 12-13 March, 2012. Over 200 people attended to discuss a host of Open Access issues including policy issues, author rights, Open Access publishing, and repositories. COAR Executive Director Alicia López Medina was a member of the SPARC Meeting's Programme Committee, and COAR Working Group Chair Kathleen Shearer moderated the session on Digital Repositories. A full report is available on the COAR website: <http://bit.ly/sparc2012mtg>

COAR supports White House petition for free access to research articles

COAR joins others in expressing its strong support for the United States White House [petition](#) calling for free access over the Internet to scientific journal articles arising from taxpayer-funded research. COAR members believe strongly that, in order to maximize the benefits of research for social and economic gain, the results of research must be shared as widely as possible. The petition is posted on the White House website "We the People".

Europe

Alicia López Medina represented COAR at the Horizon 2020 Consultation in Rome, in April 2012. The event provided a stimulating environment for discussing how to bring open science forward on a European and global level. In particular, open standards and interoperable global infrastructures were championed by many participants – a field where initiatives such as the EC-funded project OpenAIRE and COAR are already active and will further develop their role over the coming years. Horizon 2020, the successor of the current Seventh Framework Programme (FP7), will start in 2014 and run through 2020.

From the Executive Board

Interviews about the COAR Vision

The De CLARA Bulletin of our member CLARA published an interview with Norbert Lossau in its December 2011 issue. COAR is supporting CLARA to create Open Access Repositories in Latin America. In this sense, Norbert Lossau argues "The success of RedCLARAs OAR initiative would also be a success for the international OA repository movement". To read the full text of the interview, please see <http://bit.ly/KE3PSA>

During March Alicia López Medina, Executive Director of COAR, was interviewed on the Grandirblog by Pablo de Castro. The main themes of the interview were relevant COAR short-term goals, the activities and the projects of the COAR Working Groups and COAR networks in Latin America. Further information is available at <http://bit.ly/Lfhmlr>

New Co-Chair of Working Group 3

COAR welcomes Ikuko Tsuchide, DRF and Osaka University Library, as the new Co-Chair of Working Group 3 from April 2012. We look forward to working with Ikuko in supporting regional and national repository initiatives.

Task Force

A Task Force was established in May 2012 under the chair of Kathleen Shearer, Canadian Association of Research Libraries. The purpose of the Task Force is to monitor, evaluate and promote the implementation of effective open access agreements and licenses in order to improve access to research papers globally.

From the Office

Maxie, Elif and Katharina (Head of Office) will be happy to answer your questions regarding membership, activities of working groups, news releases, website presentations etc. Please note that addressees of our listservs have been changed recently. For future communication among your subscribed groups, please use:

To address all members and partners:

members@coar-repositories.org

If you would like to send a message to the Executive Board:

exec-board@coar-repositories.org

Members of Working Group 1 can communicate with each other at:

wg1@coar-repositories.org

Members of Working Group 2:

wg2@coar-repositories.org

Members of Working Group 3:

wg3@coar-repositories.org

The Office Staff can be contacted at

office@coar-repositories.org

To address the organizing team of the Annual Meeting:

ga@coar-repositories.org

Forthcoming events

COAR sponsors the Seventh International Conference on Open Repositories (OR12) in Edinburgh, UK. At the International Conference on Trends in Knowledge and Information Dynamics (ICTK 2012) in India in July COAR organises a session about Open Access Repositories, Interoperability, Repository Content, Licenses and Training schemes. Alicia López Medina, Norbert Lossau and Ikuko Tsuchide will speak at the session. Upcoming events are as follows:

- ICTK 2012 - International Conference on Trends in Knowledge and Information Dynamics, Bangalore, India. 10-13 July, 2012.
- OR 2012 - The international Conference on Open Repositories, Edinburgh, United Kingdom. 09-13 July, 2012.
- Berlin 10 Open Access Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa. 07-08 November, 2012.

Recent Publications

- Preliminary Report – Sustainable Best Practices for Populating Repositories by Kathleen Shearer. Please read more on the website: <http://bit.ly/LyPF6r>
- COAR Licensing Case Study - “National Licenses and Open Access in Germany” by Dr. Birgit Schmidt. Please read more on the website: <http://bit.ly/MfV0Bn>
- PEER - Publishing and the Ecology of European Research, Final Report, 1 September 2008 – 31 May 2012. Please click here <http://bit.ly/MtNcHK> to read the report
- Acceso Abierto en Argentina (Open Access in Argentina): Paper in Spanish by Paola Bongiovani and Silvia Nakano, Argentina, 2011. Please click here <http://bit.ly/L5buvU> to read the paper.

- “Digital repositories ten years on: what do scientific researchers think of them and how do they use them” by Nicholas, D., Rowlands, I., Watkinson, A., Brown, D., & Jamali, H. R., 2012. Please read more: at the website: http://ciber-research.eu/download/20120620-Digital_repositories_ten_years_on.pdf

For further information, visit

<http://www.coar-repositories.org>

COAR Office

c/o Göttingen State and University Library,
Platz der Göttinger Sieben 1
37073 Göttingen

Germany

Tel.: +49-551-39 22215

Fax: +49-551-39 5222

office@coar-repositories.org