

Dear reader,

Now, that we are already well into 2014 – the first COAR newsletter of 2014 was just sent out to our members and partners. This edition of the digest reports on the activities of the newly formed Interest Group Repository Impact and Visibility as well as on the meeting “Aligning Repository Networks” in Rome, Italy. The complete newsletter can be found in the members’ area of the COAR Website. Enjoy reading this edition of the COAR newsdigest.

From the Working Groups

WGI: Repository Content

The new COAR Interest Group (IG), Repository Impact and Visibility, was launched in February 2014. The group, led by Silvia Nakano from MINCyT in Argentina and Wouter Schallier from the Economic Commission for Latin America at the United Nations (ECLAC), had its first introductory call on February 14th, 2014. Over 20 participants shared their strategies for ensuring search engine optimization (SEO) as well as information on how they are marketing their repositories internally and externally. The group will document existing practices for improving repository visibility, and in particular examine the role of linked data in optimizing discovery of content. If you are interested in joining this Interest Group, please contact the [COAR Office](#).

International

Aligning repository networks meeting

On March 20 & 21, 2014, COAR convened a meeting to discuss the [alignment of Open Access repository networks](#) across regions. The meeting took place at the Italian National Research Council (CNR) and brought together representatives from Canada, China, Europe, Latin America, the U.S. and Australia. The

specific objectives of the meeting were to establish formal contacts between repository networks across the globe, to identify areas in which we can further collaborate and align our activities and to agree on a mechanism to ensure the on-going dialogue.



In Rome, delegates identified several key elements that will be addressed immediately and agreed to work together on an ongoing basis on other issues to further align their repositories. These activities will take place under the auspices of the Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR), an international alliance of repository initiatives.

Read more about the outcomes of the meeting [here](#).

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