COAR Newsletter - Digest

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Dear reader,

We are happy to present our next newsletter. Highlights of this edition include among others the presence of COAR at many conferences during the summer, such as OAI8 or Open Repositories 2013. Furthermore, we warmly welcome Kathleen Shearer as new Executive Director as of June 1st, 2013. We are also delighted to have launched several new Interest Groups (IG) and Task Forces (TF). You can read more about these groups and other COAR activities in this newsletter. The full-length newsletter is sent to all members via the mailing list. If you are from the COAR member institutions and like to stay informed or become involved in our activities, join our listserv by sending a message to office@coar-repositories.org

New Reduced Membership Fees

COAR is pleased to announce a new membership fee structure for 2014. The new fees were officially approved at the General Assembly on May 7th, 2013 and will address a major barrier for many institutions in joining COAR. The costs of an individual membership now amount to €500. Consortial membership fees have also been changed and the details of the new fee structure are available on the COAR website.

Annual Meeting 2013

The 4th Annual Meeting of COAR took place at Özyegin University (OzU), Istanbul (Turkey) on May 7th & 8th, 2013. The meeting was a great success in terms of involving members in COAR activities and projects, offering engaging sessions, and discussing as well as sharing experience with colleagues from around the world.

On May 7th, the programme started with welcome messages from the co-organizers of the event, the president of the hosting institution, the Head of ANKOS, the Anatolian University Library Consortium and the COAR chairperson. This was followed by introductory presentations about new member institutions. Afterwards, posters were presented and discussed before all participants were invited to vote for the best poster.

After the association's General Assembly the meeting proceeded in the afternoon with a keynote speech of Tony Hey, Vice President of Microsoft Research Connections, titled "The Road to Open Access". He stressed the growing momentum for open access and emphasized the important role that repositories play in supporting OA implementation. The day continued with sessions covering trends, best practices, and repository projects from all around the world.

The second day offered interactive hands-on tutorials focussing on repository interoperability, author identifiers, data management and impact measures as parallel sessions.

It was a great pleasure to be hosted by the Özyegin University at its new campus. COAR welcomed four new members from Turkey this year and we were delighted experiencing the warm Turkish hospitality during our meeting.

All the photos of the Annual Meeting and the presentations can be accessed on the COAR website.

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