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COAR Activities

Interest and Working Groups

- Joint Task Force on Librarian Competencies for E-Research and Scholarly Communication
- Repository Content Working Group
- Repository Interoperability Project
- Open Access Agreements and Licenses Task Force
- RDA Long Tail of Research Data Interest Group
- Usage Data Interest Group

Advocacy and Leadership

- Association of Research Libraries
- European Commission
- GB + OS Global Research
- Infrastructure / Data Working Group
- Global Research Council
- Research Data Alliance
- UNESCO

Briefs, Publications and Reports

- COAR Newsletter
- Incentives, Integration, and Mediation: Sustainable Practices for Populating Repositories
- Joint responses, e.g. to EC Research Data Framework
- Repository Interoperability Roadmap

Information and Training

- COAR Online Training Materials
- Repository Support and Training Working Group
- Repository Observatory, Webinars and Briefing Reports
- Institutional Repositories Dealing with Data: Workshop at OR 2013
- Towards the Universality of Open Access: Spanish Webinar

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