

Activities of the Digital Repository Federation.

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Digital Repository Federation (DRF) is a repository manager's community that was initiated in 2006 as part of the national program. By the activities of information sharing through workshops, ML, monthly newsletter "DRF Monthly" and Wiki resources, we have been supporting Japanese repositories. DRF is a founding member of COAR and began to expand the scope of our activities to the world. In the future, we plan to ensure the sustainability of Open Access and IRs while seeking collaborative activities not only in Japan but worldwide.

In Japan, more than 200 academic institutions have introduced institutional repositories (IRs) and over 900,000 full-text scholarly articles are open to the public, which are also accessible via a national portal site known as JAIRO (Japanese Institutional Repositories Online). This is a result of the CSI Institutional Repositories Program that has been implemented by the National Institute of Informatics (NII) since 2005, and various initiatives have also been conducted along with subsequent rising momentum for the introduction of repositories among higher education institutions.

The poster introduces DRF's activities that have enhanced influence of the OA movement through IRs in Japan, and it also outlines the activities of DRF; e.g. several workshops, training events for beginner/senior IR managers and OAWeek activities.