Interactive Workshop Annual Meeting 2012

Date & Time:

May 22, 2012: 11:00 – 12:30

Objectives:

- ⚔ Discuss the ideas, activities, problems, needs and possible solutions among the COAR members – a forum of exchange of ideas for the repository community.
- ⚔ Identify strategic actions to the development of COAR and contribute to the COAR Strategic Plan.
- ⚔ Identify new COAR working groups/groups of interest/task groups that can involve the participation of all COAR members.

Expected results:

- ⚔ New topic/subtopics to be incorporated to the COAR Strategic Plan.
- ⚔ New COAR working groups/groups of interest/task groups set up with clear working period, clear commitments from the members, volunteers and expressed needs for support from COAR office.
- ⚔ New COAR agenda with expected activities/services/reports.

Organisation:

- ⚔ Six topics/tables where people can discuss a few questions regarding the topics below (about 15 minutes per topic/table, changing topics/tables after alarm).
- ⚔ Topics/tables moderators will present the outcomes in the plenary (2 minutes per topic/table to report back).

1. Services that repositories can offer to give added value to the content they hold and to be more useful for researchers:

- ⚔ How to improve search and discovery;
- ⚔ How to improve Google visibility;
- ⚔ Aggregated statistics;
- ⚔ Generated CVs, researcher bibliographies;
- ⚔ Integration with researchers tools/work-flows: support the whole cycle of research, not only the last part (publication);
- ⚔ What is the role of institutional repositories in the publication system?
- ⚔ International infrastructure of persistent identifiers;
- ⚔ Leveraging repository content to the web: enhanced publications and linked data;
- ⚔ Transparent multiple deposit (SWORD);
- ⚔ New citation metrics;
- ⚔ Research evaluation/assessment tools;
- ⚔ Text/data mining;
- ⚔ Curation and preservation.

Topic/table moderators are going to be announced soon.

2. Synergies, embedding and linking:

- Synergies between institutional, subject, data, cultural heritage and learning objects repositories;
- Embedding repositories within research and learning information infrastructures: integration with CRIS, LMS, VLEs and OER initiatives, VRE tools;
- Relationship with Europeana;
- Automatic harvesting of institutional repository content by subject repositories;
- Linking publications and data within repository infrastructure.

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3. The evolution of technology and repositories: an Observatory group

- Service-oriented, web-oriented, open architecture;
- A constant evolution of technology challenges repositories to develop new and more complex objects, and extend their functions and roles beyond green OA;
- Repositories are not storage places/passive exhibitions enabling access to research results, but interactive systems making research results exploitable and useful, and enabling creation, accessibility, use and reuse of repository content by humans and machines;
- Who are our key allies: open repositories? software users groups?
- How do repository managers follow, encompass and influence the development of repositories software?
- Where are we going? What are we going to become? Are we going to be replaced?
- Is our green road to OA going to bring changes to the traditional journal system of publication? Will we become only a complementary system, that is condemned to coexist with the traditional publication system?
- How do we support the whole cycle of research? How do we make repositories not only a place to deposit at the final stage of research, but also an infrastructure to support the whole work-flow of research

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4. OA policies, licences and advocacy

- Institution-based public relations and advocacy strategies for repository managers;
- Implementation of OA mandates;
- International copyright issues for repository managers;
- OA in licensing and working with publishers; Strategies to promote researchers' self archiving;
- Strategies, tips, tricks, etc. to get institutional leadership and researchers interested and active.

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5. Training for repository managers

- ⚔ Summary of topics that COAR members identified for COAR training events (based on the results of the COAR members survey);
- ⚔ What other topics need/could be added?
- ⚔ How do we provide training: on-line/on-site?
- ⚔ Do we engage into mentorship programmes (short-term/long-term/one-to-one/institutional)?
- ⚔ How we overcome the language barrier?
- ⚔ How we better exploit all the training material and experience from our members?
- ⚔ Shall we establish liaison with other repository managers training initiatives? (RSP, UKCoRR, etc.)

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