Questions to Isidro F Aguillo (for COAR Interview):

History and Methods:

- When did you start the repository ranking and what was the initial idea behind it?
- Which methods do you use to perform your ranking? Did you change the methods over time?
- How is a repository included in the ranking? Can a repository also decide not to take part?
- How do you define a digital repository? E.g. why do you include RePEc (www.repec.org), as the system works as a bibliographic catalogue and does not archive any documents itself, but instead links out to external fulltexts at other sites (including repositories)?

Analysis of performances and Feedback

- What are the main changes over time in the performance of the individual repositories?
- Which differences do you see between institutional and disciplinary repositories?
- How is the impact (i.e. public response) on the repository ranking? Has it changed over time?
- What are the main criticisms?

Outlook

- Do you plan to adapt any changes to your methods in the future?
- What about the resources for Webometrics overall (e.g. people working for you)? Do you have a sustainable business model for the ranking?
- And more general: How do you see the future development of repositories in the academic publication market?