Open Access update

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Introduction
Since the last digest, we have been actively establishing the use of Monitor Local and publications router, which both went live around open access week. Take up of both services has been good and we are developing the service capacity. For publications router, we are adding more publishers providing content to our sources of information. With Monitor Local and Monitor UK we are building our institutional base and able to provide cost management data direct to institutions. And of course, we are also ensuring that our more mature services continue to give the community what they have come to expect.

We have been very pleased at the reception given to the recent release of the OA good practice handbook, which attracted thousands of downloads in its first weeks of release. This proves the interest from the community for the sharing of good practice and highlights the way that Jisc can act as a focus and work as the facilitator between peers in identifying, standardising and promoting effective OA implementation. For more details on this Handbook, and on all of our work in open access, see our blog.

Open access remains an intensely collaborative exercise and a virtuous circle: the better your neighbour’s practice and take up of OA, then the more it profits both parties. Jisc is working to increase collaboration and best practice across the sector: we are always keen to hear from our members about the impact of our work or where we could do more. Do get in touch through your account manager or to oasupport@jisc.ac.uk if you have ideas.

Policy compliance
Helping you to meet and demonstrate compliance with the range of different funders’ and publishers’ requirements

» Publications router is bedding in after its launch as an official service last August, and is preparing for a vigorous programme of further in-service development this year. Improvements to the metadata delivered to core fields in Eprints repositories will go live very soon, still without the need for any plug-in. This will be followed in the early part of this year by an Eprints plug-in to populate the wider RIOXX fields for repositories that have implemented them. Revisions to publications router’s API are now almost complete, which will improve the ways in which we can support CRISs. We’ll work with vendors to support them adding interoperability with their systems, subject to their development priorities. If you would like your vendor to press ahead with this, do let them know this is a priority for you.

Meanwhile, further Eprints-using institutions have taken up live use of Router – you can see the full list on the publications router web site – several more are receiving test feeds. Things are moving forward on the publisher side also. Springer Nature have started to add content from OA journals formerly published by Nature Publishing Group as they migrate to their new workflow, a process that will complete over the course of this year. A further publisher is now contributing live full-text feeds including manuscripts of articles that were published under the subscription model – an announcement will follow soon. Active discussions with others are progressing.

Cost management
Support with improving your processes and systems; and providing shared services, in order to save costs

» Monitor Local and Monitor UK: Monitor Local has now been live for a few months and we are seeing a steady uptake with many of our pilot institutions becoming early adopters, but this does not mean that active development has stopped. Our developers are working to continuously improve functionality, features and the user interface. We have always wanted the development of the Monitor services to be driven by the people who use it, and so we are in the process of setting up a user group. We will meet for the first time in early April to look at what we have now and what we would like to develop next.

One priority is to develop the functionality for Monitor UK to aggregate the data that is now being collected to Monitor Local. We are also working with our internal infrastructure team to enhance the infrastructure underpinning both Monitor services to make sure they are as robust and reliable as possible.

If you are interested in signing up to either Monitor service please get in touch with the team at: oamonitor@jisc.ac.uk

To find out more about our OA services email oasupport@jisc.ac.uk or visit our website www.jisc.ac.uk/content/open-access
Discovery, usage and impact
Supporting you to improve the visibility of your repository and demonstrate the reach and impact of your research

» **IRUS-UK**: The number of institutional repositories (IRs) participating in IRUS-UK continues to rise. Comparable usage data representing 124 or >82% of eligible IRs (by 17 February 2017) offers valuable benchmarking opportunities.

In 2016 IRUS-UK recorded over 11,000,000 downloads of articles from participating repositories.

**Pure** portal users requiring access to COUNTER compliant usage statistics now have access to them via IRUS-UK. University of Dundee were the first institution to implement this, followed by University of Bristol, University of South Wales and with others in the pipeline.

» **The ORCID national consortium** continues to grow, with 79 organisations involved, including the Research Councils. Jisc is offering full UK support to consortium members.

» **OA dashboard**: This project is currently being commissioned and will explore how all the data from the various Jisc, local and third party services can be brought together to give a full picture of OA at the HEI level, and perhaps nationally. More information on this will be released in the coming weeks.

» **OA button project**: Work has started on a project that will explore the feasibility of developing a service in the discovery/ILL workflow using OAB functionality in order to promote the discovery and release of OA content. More information on this will be released in the coming weeks.

**Metadata and interoperability**
Helping you to overcome interoperability issues between funder, publisher and institutional systems

» **RIOXX** metadata fields support RCUK compliance and some of the REF metadata requirements, with around 67 HEIs having now installed RIOXX. Plugins for both RIOXX EPrints and DSpace are ready to use.

» **An EPrints REF compliance checker** and supporting webcast are now available. This enables instances of EPrints to check REF compliance in the repository. A DSpace REF compliance checker is now complete and more info will be available in March 2017.

» **A CASRAI UK** chapter has been set up. This will be an opportunity for institutions to discuss their needs, taking into account existing metadata and vocabulary initiatives. Three working groups have started.

**Maintaining OA good practice**

» Following the end of the **OA good practice** (OAGP) initiative, we have now produced a handbook of good practice, which summarises and links to the projects’ efforts under the themes: baselining & policy compliance, structures & workflows, advocacy, cost management, and metadata & interoperability. A final report outlines each project and its work. An animation is also available to promote the outputs. All these resources are available on the **OAGP project page**.

» What comes after OA good practice? We’ve released a blog post outlining research we are currently carrying out to scope out demand for an OA professional and technical support service.

**Key Dates:**

March
21-22: Open Science Conference: poster “IRUS-UK: on the road to open metrics”

April
10-12: UKSG conference and exhibition
4: OpenAIRE workshop on research data
20: OpenAIRE’s FP7 “post grant funding pilot” concluding workshop