Open Access update

Issue 5: May 2017

Introduction

Open access (OA) continues to be a positive disruptive force in the world of research dissemination and, as we expressed before, it remains an intensely collaborative exercise, with participants on multiple sides coming together to make a difference in the world of scholarship.

One issue we’re continuing to work toward improving is the means of making sure institutions and individuals are aware of OA; it is interesting to note that since 2012, when The Finch Report was published, that researchers are still often in the dark about the different forms, and indeed the different needs, which surround OA. It highlights that we all need to work to make the market much more sustainable and transparent. The various OA services which we offer do much to underscore the value of open access, as well as serve to ensure that understanding and awareness are tantamount to success.

In addition to services which recently went “live”, such as publications router, Monitor UK and Monitor Local, as highlighted in previous digests, our more mature systems, SHERPA services and IRUS-UK, continue to grow, and we have some new items which will be added soon to our catalogue of stars. There are also updates among the RIOXX, eprints, dspace, ORCID and CASRAI work.

Finally, take a look at the news about the Springer Compact deal and the OA good practice outputs, particularly the handbook, both of which have shown an amazing uptake! Do get in touch with any questions or comments.

Policy compliance

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

» Publications router: Following the agreement negotiated between Elsevier and Jisc Collections, Elsevier have said that they will enable the router to collect metadata notifications of content from their Science Direct platform. The details and timing of this development are still under discussion and negotiation, and will form part of an agreement on supporting green OA infrastructure. As mentioned last time, beyond the public list of publishers contributing feeds, an additional publisher is already on board, supplying accepted manuscripts of subscription content. We hope to be able to announce who that is very soon. Promising discussions with a wide range of other publishers are progressing actively — in some cases, at an advanced stage. Meanwhile, we have implemented substantial improvements to the metadata delivered to core fields in Eprints repositories. As before, this needs no plug-in, so the growing list of participating institutions have benefited immediately. Additional tweaks are also planned, and work is proceeding on a plug-in to populate the wider RIOXX fields. Following the improvements to the Router’s API, discussions continue with the major CRIS vendors to encourage them to develop interoperability with the Router — if this is a priority for you, do please let your vendor know, as this will in turn help the discussion with publishers. Dspace interoperability is also being planned.

» SHERPA services: The SHERPA RoMEO database continues to grow and now holds policy information on 28,796 journals, covering 2,360 publishers. Work is underway on the periodic review and update of data on funder and publisher policies in SHERPA RoMEO and SHERPA Juliet. Work continues on rebuilding the SHERPA services’ technical infrastructure; this will see the release of new and intuitive user interfaces for SHERPA services over the coming months.

Cost management

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

» Monitor services: We held our first Monitor user group at the start of April which was well attended and gave us our direction for the next development phase. We are aiming to release Monitor Local v1.1 in April and have v1.2 in the pipeline. We currently have 17 subscribed institutions and we would welcome any additional institutions who are interested in one or both Monitor services, so please get in touch: oamonitor@jisc.ac.uk

» Springer Compact: It has now been more than one year since the start of the Springer Compact agreement in January 2016 and a total of 3,073 articles have been published as open access. This is an increase in the number of OA articles published in Springer hybrid journals in 2016 by 205% when compared to 2015 figures. All institutions taking part in the Springer Compact deal published open access articles equivalent to or in excess of their total 2014 APC spend. In fact, 20% of the institutions (18) published open access articles to the

To find out more about our OA services email oasupport@jisc.ac.uk or visit our website jisc.ac.uk/content/open-access
value of or in excess of the combined fee paid to Springer. These institutions have essentially flipped the subscription model to open access. According to the data published in the Open APC initiative, the UK had the highest number of articles published in 2016, and between January and March 2017, another 939 articles have already been published.

**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 has reached 126 or >84% of eligible IRs (by April 2017). Extensive coverage supports national benchmarking of UK irs. IRUS-UK will have an electronic poster presentation and a session on the use of metrics in Australia and the UK at the Open Repositories conference in Brisbane, Australia in June. The annual community survey (54 responses, representing 44 institutions) highlighted the ways in which IRUS-UK is used by UK HEI. Primary uses include identifying trends and patterns in usage, regular reporting to management and benchmarking. IRUS adds value in a number of ways but the top three reasons are:
  - Improving statistical reporting (for 84% of respondents)
  - Saving time collecting statistics (for 67% of respondents)

- **Enabling reporting previously unable to do (for 67% of respondents)**

- **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**: A project has now started which aims to assess the feasibility of developing a service which would visualise data collected by Jisc’s open access services (and other relevant sources) so that library administrators are able to consolidate information on their open access outputs and view it in a single place. The project will gather evidence on the requirement for such a service and develop a range of proof-of-concept interactive wireframes to present the range of options.

- **OA Button**: A project is now underway to evaluate the viability of a service in the discovery/interlibrary loan (ILL) workflow utilising Open Access Button functionality to aid the discovery, creation, and promotion of open access content. Potentially, this may improve the user experience of the ILL process and generally help institutions speed up/reduce costs for ILL fulfilment. Both the OA dashboard and OA Button projects will run until the end of July 2017 and based on the evidence gathered, Jisc will then assess whether there is value in developing the either/both services further.

**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. Plug-ins 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.

- **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**

- **Giving a voice to Scottish open access**: Valerie mccutchion from the University of Glasgow took part in one of our pathfinder projects, part of the OA good practice project. She explains the benefits and impact of taking part in the project in her member story.

- **The OA good practice handbook**: Moving open access implementation forward has now been downloaded over 4,500 times. The handbook and resources are still available from the OA good practice project page.

**Key dates**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>June</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16: Jisc ORCID consortium members’ event</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22-23: CASRAI-UK conference -- London</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26-30: Open Repositories 2017 – Brisbane, Australia</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>