Welcome to the March issue

Jisc’s open access services continue to grow. Both the Monitor and Publications Router services are fully operational and adding value for an increasing number of our members: negotiations are underway to expand the services with institutions, publishers and CRIS vendors. The first voluntary donations for RoMEO from users around the world have started to come in, which will go some way to offsetting the cost of service provision and future development. IRUS and ORCID are developing well, as reported below. The OA discovery service CORE is the largest global aggregator of OA full text material by some margin and continues to grow every month. Engagement with publishers in our services is growing across the board with the development of good relationships in information provision. All this takes place against the background of institutions putting in place robust and scalable models to ingest research outputs to comply with the REF policy and the consequent growth of material now available. Difficulties remain, but there is a strong sense that the open access infrastructure is now accepted by all stakeholders as a functioning and expected part of the scholarly communication environment. Onward and upward!

Bill Hubbard,
Deputy Head of Scholarly Communication Support

Policy compliance

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

» Publications Router: Uptake of the Router service continues to increase. In just the first half of February alone, two more institutions using EPrints-based repositories have signed up to receive notifications to their live systems. (A list of institutions who are currently using Router is available). Our work to make Router interoperable with DSpace repositories is also progressing very well. The early-adopter institutions we have been working with have been invaluable in helping prepare the way towards being able to offer Router to DSpace users across the UK more generally. We are expecting to reach this point within weeks; so watch this space!

Meanwhile, very promising discussions have been taking place with several CRIS vendors about making their systems interoperable with Router. Many thanks to those institutions who have been articulating, through various channels, the nature of their need for the Router service. This has proven instrumental in the progress we’ve made so far. Again, please keep an eye out for updates about this in the near future.

Finally, we are continuing our efforts to add more content, including AMs of subscription content where possible, from more publishers, to help Router to deliver even more matched article notifications to institutions. Technical tests with several new publishers are ongoing towards that end, as well as detailed technical discussions on new workflows with some of the largest ones.

To find out more about our open access services email help@jisc.ac.uk or visit our website www.jisc.ac.uk/content/open-access

» Sherpa services: We continue rebuilding the Sherpa services as part of our service improvement programme, which aims to update all Sherpa services to provide the community with a set of agile services better placed to respond to the increased complexity in today’s open access landscape.

Work on an updated version of OpenDOAR is now complete and a beta version of OpenDOAR v2 will be available in late March 2018.

Cost management

Support with improving your processes and systems, providing shared services and negotiations agreements, in order to manage the costs of OA and subscriptions

» Monitor services: We have had 2 new releases of Monitor Local and we have v1.9 almost ready to be scheduled for release. We recently held a workshop internally to start to work out plans for priority development over the next 6 months. The key areas we will be working on are enhancing the reporting functionality including building a new report for the Jisc TCO spreadsheet and additional compliance reporting.

Monitor UK is aggregating data collected in Monitor Local and our developers are working on improving the underlying code before we start working on functionality and user experience improvements.

We would welcome discussions with any institutions who are interested in one or both Monitor services, so please do get in touch: help@jisc.ac.uk
OUP introduces offsetting agreement: For the first time, OUP has agreed to an OA offset element to the 2018-2019 Oxford Journals Full Collection Agreement. Two options will be available – a prepayment account and a retrospective credit. Institutions selecting the prepayment option will be provided with an APC ‘pot’ worth 15% of the combination of their 2018 collection fee and their 2017 APC expenditure (and so on in 2019). The retrospective option will offer institutions an APC credit in 2019 worth 15% of their 2018 APC expenditure (and so on in 2020).

Springer Compact agreement: The current Springer Compact agreement expires in December 2018. Since the start of the agreement in January 2016, we have collected publishing and usage data and community feedback on all aspects of the agreement including a survey in early 2017. Jisc Collections has produced a 6 month interim report, a report on the first full year, and a survey report. Jisc will send a detailed report to the subscribing institutions this March. In two years, 6,902 articles were published on open access, showing an increase of 206% (2016) and 279% (2017) in open access publications when compared to 2015 numbers. By 2020, 6,902 articles were published. Jisc will send a detailed report to the subscribing institutions this March. In two years, 6,902 articles were published on open access, showing an increase of 206% (2016) and 279% (2017) in open access publications when compared to 2015 numbers.

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 now reached 138 (by March 2018), representing 90% of eligible IRs. Work in development includes the use of ORCID IDs to uniquely distinguish every researcher and so remove author ambiguity. This new enhancement will aim to demonstrate the benefits of adopting and embedding ORCID IDs across IR workflows and organisations, and so encourage greater uptake. Work to incorporate ORCID IDs into the IRUS item metadata started with initial harvests of ORCID IDs from White Rose Research Online and ORO: Open University Open Research Online. ORCID IDs exposed in RIOXX records, via OAI-PMH interfaces, can then be integrated into IRUS and presented via two new views ORCID Summary Statistics and Author ORCID browse.

Relatively few institutional repositories expose ORCID IDs but we’d like to encourage more institutions to adopt their use:

- Embed ORCIDs into your workflows
- Incorporate ORCIDs in your repository metadata
- Install RIOXX plugins (EPrints) / patches (DSpace)
- Expose ORCID metadata via RIOXX in your OAI-PMH interfaces

The team will introduce this latest development, outline plans for new functionality and explain how participating IRs can engage during a webinar in March 2018.

The Jisc ORCID national consortium now has 89 member organisations. Jisc is offering full UK support to consortium members and we’ve recently expanded our in-house support team. A hackday is planned for April 24th and the annual consortium members day will be on June 28th—further details to follow. A recording from our December webinar on the Collect and Connect programme and upcoming plugin for EPrints is now available from the ORCID consortium events page.

OA Button/Discovery: Following the release of our findings from the Jisc OA Button project, we have since outlined our ‘next steps’ in terms of OA Discovery. Separate to our work on the Jisc OA Button project, but opportunistically timed, the CORE service has recently signed an agreement with ProQuest to integrate the CORE’s metadata and content so that their library discovery services, Ex Libris Primo and Ex Libris Summon, can discover CORE’s content within those systems. This, coupled with CORE’s comprehensive content coverage and the strong strategic relationship between Jisc and the OU, means that CORE will be at the centre of any OA discovery focussed solutions that we develop. Jisc remains completely supportive of Open Access Button’s work and would consider other areas for collaboration in the future. Jisc is in the process of planning our next move in the OA Discovery space and will share more in the next update.

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Text and data mining - CORE/ Journal Archives:
We continue to investigating the opportunities for developing text mining services, initially looking at the possibility of enhancing two existing Jisc services: CORE and Journal Archives. We are currently defining a possible technical specification for a TDM prototype service which will act as the basis for a potential pilot system.

OpenAIRE: Jisc works as the UK’s National Open Access Desk for OpenAIRE, the EU initiative to promote Open Science across Europe. The next national workshop, featuring OpenAIRE Advance, Connect and 2020, is set for the 15th of March; it will feature Jisc services which engage with the OpenAIRE projects, as well as our co-design work. To register, go to the Jisc events’ page.

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

Review of metadata requirements for OA: Further to working with HEFCE, RCUK and Wellcome trust on planning for the REF 2021 consultation, Jisc, funders and metadata experts will be reviewing the metadata requirements to support OA (RIOXX). This is being planned for April/May 2018. This will be an opportunity to refine metadata requirements further (if needed). Note that a number of applications have been developed to support the collection of metadata in various systems and these will also be reviewed in light of any changes.

Maintaining OA good practice
A blog post from our community workshop on 5th December is now available, including updates on what has happened since the workshop. Emerging topics for discussion were university presses, OA book discoverability, making judgments on RCUK compliance and the impact of the latest REF decisions.

Knowledge Exchange Monitoring OA report: Following two international workshops on OA Monitoring, Knowledge Exchange published the report ‘Consensus on monitoring Open Access publications and cost data’ which sets tangible recommendations on data, workflows, standards and policy to three stakeholders groups: academic libraries, current research information systems (CRIS), and publishers. Please do let Knowledge Exchange know if you are interested in further engaging with other stakeholders on this topic.

Jisc CNI leaders conference. Jisc and the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) are again bringing together leading experts in digital scholarship from the US and UK for our 12th biannual conference on July 2. The conference will aid research and library leaders in responding to these opportunities by bringing together experts and influencers in digital scholarship from the UK and US, to share leading international practice and policy. See further details and booking form.

Key dates
Events we’re running or where you’ll catch Jisc staff speaking.
March
15: OpenAIRE national workshop for the UK
14-16: RLUK conference
19: OA Scotland community event
26: SCONUL Forum: Beyond Finch
April
4-6: LILAC conference
9-11: UKSG conference
24: ORCID hackday (details to follow)
June
14: Institution as e-textbook publisher workshop (details to follow)
18: Sharing university press practices
28: Jisc ORCID consortium members’ day (details to follow)
July
2: Jisc and CNI leaders conference