Welcome to the June issue
CORE really is one of the success stories of the UK open access services. This issue of the Digest gives the latest statistics, including 131 million metadata records, and 11 million hosted full texts. This is a fantastic resource drawing from the international repository infrastructure that shows the significant depth of open access content now held in Jisc member’s repositories.

We are working hard to add to and improve that repository content through our negotiations with publishers and with CRIS vendors for them to integrate with Publications Router. We are thinking of different ways of using this vastly rich open access resource: our work in scoping a potential text and data mining (TDM) service to operate on this content is one example.

How would you like to see this resource used? In what ways would your researchers like to access this open content? Do get in touch with us with your needs and your ideas.

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Head of scholarly communications support

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

» Publications Router: The Router now interoperates with DSpace as well as EPrints. We’ve not yet put out a general invitation to DSpace-using institutions to join the service, however. This is because we want to be sure that our early-adopter institutions are completely happy with what they see arriving in their test repositories. We also have some further ideas of our own to make it work even better.

Progress with the main CRIS vendors has proved challenging. We’re still hoping for firmer commitments on a timeline for adding interoperability with Router, to enable their client HEIs to take full advantage of the service as it grows. If you’d like to see this happen for the platform you use, do make sure your vendor understands how much you need it. This will also help us attract more content from publishers.

Behind the scenes we’ve seen some important progress with several publishers. We hope to be able announce the addition of several major new ones over the coming months. Most of these say they will supply full text in the version you can expose on your repository – usually the accepted manuscript for subscription content. Where they have long lead times from acceptance to publication, they say will supply early notifications well within three months of acceptance.

All of this involves technical and legal challenges – but rest assured we are working hard on your behalf to make it happen..

» 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.

We released a beta version of OpenDOAR v2 in April and following various rounds of bug fixing based on user feedback, we are pleased to say that this will be available as a live service in June.

We have been busy developing Sherpa RoMEO and are on track for releasing a beta of Sherpa RoMEO v2 in October. This will enable us to integrate Sherpa RoMEO with technologies like the Elastic Stack to allow us to put state-of-the-art search, reporting and visualization tools on our service endpoints.

We will also be developing new API endpoints for interfacing with repository and CRIS systems for data quality, automated compliance checking, auto completion and a host of other possible use-cases.
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 recently released v1.10 of Monitor Local, which incorporates a number of enhancements such as an improved DOI look-up / import tool, and increased compatibility with older browsers – notes on this and all other recent updates are available at https://monitor.jisc.ac.uk/local/release-notes/.

We have run a number of events recently to expand our support and engagement with Monitor users, such as our introduction / demonstration webinars on 23rd April and 21st May, and recently gathered members of our Monitor User Group for a meeting on 23rd May to discuss future requirements and developments – this was a very productive meeting and we are now working on putting these suggestions from our users into our work plans.

Our next update to Monitor Local (v1.11) will incorporate our TCO spreadsheet import and export features, helping to improve the process of back-filling records for new users and producing the annual Jisc collections TCO reporting spreadsheet.

If you are interested in finding out more, trialling the system or receiving a demonstration of Monitor Local 8/for Monitor UK, please do get in touch at help@jisc.ac.uk.

APC data collection: We are currently in the latest round of APC data collection and the deadline has been extended to July 1st. We strongly encourage you to submit your data. To learn more about how to do this, visit our website or email us for more information. Read our blog post on what we do with the APC data and why it’s important.

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 142 (by May 2018), representing >93% of eligible IRs. Edging closer towards 100% offers a more complete picture to support national comparison and benchmarking, whilst providing a UK wide view of IR usage. The results of the latest community survey are available. A total of 52 responses, representing 43 IRUS-UK institutions indicated that IRUS primarily offers value in terms of: improving statistical reporting (for 78% of respondents), enabling reporting previously unable to do (for 66% of respondents), saving time collecting statistics (for 62% of respondents) and increasing knowledge to support better decision making (for 52% of respondents). 

» The Jisc ORCID national consortium. It’s been a busy few months for the consortium. In April we welcomed our 90th member organisation and we’ve recently published a blog post with updates and future activities. In April we ran a hackday and will publish outputs shortly. A new plugin to integrate ORCID with the Eprints repository has been released. We’re running a webinar exploring the need for a UK ORCID hub, for institutions who don’t have the resource to manage their own integration. We’ll be hearing about experiences of the New Zealand Hub. IRUS-UK is running a webinar on its new feature exposing ORCID IDs in order to easily distinguish researchers. Both webinars will be recorded.

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OpenAIRE: OpenAIRE2020, the EC-funded project designed to help and support Horizon2020 projects, will come to an end on the 30th of June 2018, drawing to a close a great deal of success and partnership among 50 participating institutions from across Europe. Jisc has been the UK’s National Open Access Desk, or NOAD, for the project and remain as such under OpenAIRE Advance, which began on the 1st of January 2018 and runs for 36 months.

Advance will build on the strengths of its predecessor, as well as up the game as far as actively joining together efforts across the world to foster and sustain open science initiatives. One of its immediate collaborations has been an agreement to work with the European Open Science Cloud, or EOSC, itself a very ambitious and immense undertaking to ensure the viability of open science. Both projects underscore the essential importance of the FAIR principles – Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reproducible – which underpin all the work which is currently being undertaken.

If you’re working on a Horizon 2020 project and want to know more about what OpenAIRE can do in terms of advice on policy or any other questions, please get in touch: help@jisc.ac.uk and making sure to indicate that your query is in regard to OpenAIRE.

Metadata and interoperability

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

» Review of metadata requirements for OA: We will be reviewing policy requirements with the newly formed UKRI and Research England and what impact this may on future OA metadata collection and the RIOXX application profile.

Maintaining OA good practice

» Community events: We’re planning a series of summer community events in July. These events will provide time to reflect on current OA developments and influence our programme of work over the coming year. Booking will open soon, but in the meantime, save the dates listed below.

» Jisc model licence: We have undertaken a comprehensive review of the model licences we use for our online journal agreements, bringing in a new schedule of provisions designed to ensure publishers follow our best practice guidelines for OA offsetting or “read and publish” deals. This includes information feeds on acceptance and publication of articles to support Jisc Router, funder compliance, provision of metadata, and service levels.

Key dates

Events we’re running or where you’ll catch Jisc staff speaking

June
4-7: INORMS, Edinburgh
4-7: Open Repositories, Montana
5: IRUS-UK and exposing ORCID IDs webinar
6: A UK ORCID hub webinar
12-13: Sconul summer conference
14: Institution as e-textbook publisher workshop
18: Sharing university press practices
28: Jisc ORCID consortium members’ day

July
2: Jisc and CNI leaders conference
3-4: Repository Fringe
4-7: LIBER annual conference

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Jisc OA summer series community events
Save the dates – booking open soon!
July 19: London
July 23: Glasgow
July 26: Manchester
July 31: Bristol

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