Open Access update

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Key developments
Welcome to our latest digest. The new Research Excellence Framework (REF) OA policy came into effect on 1 April. We have a range of products available now, with more to come, to help universities handle this development. Our blog post outlines how we can help.

We continue to play an active role in both in the UK and internationally. We’re a member of the Universities-UK (UUK) OA coordinating group and, along with other members, are helping UUK take forward a series of actions in response to the Minister’s open letter to the Group’s chair, Professor Adam Tickell, in February 2016. A set of sub-groups is being established, focusing on efficiencies, monographs, service levels and repositories. These will need to coordinate with groups such as the new RCUK practitioners group, the RLUK publisher processes group, and the Jisc OA policies and services advisory group.

Brexit dominates the headlines, and there might be implications for OA in the UK. We continue to act internationally on behalf of the UK; for example we’ve contributed to the Open Scholarship Initiative, which has active work on various topics including evolving open models and metrics and indicators. It is backed by UNESCO and is intended to run for 10 years.

In other news, the rising costs of APCs is charted by our recent report, we have asked the sector “what is a repository?”, and we continue to push for publisher action to help with OA compliance. As the digest shows, the Jisc OA services are evolving rapidly.

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

» We are working with publishers to improve the expression of journal OA policies. A draft schema has been developed by Jisc and Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP) and was tested with publishers in May

» Publications Router will move to being a full service from August 2016. The service is now successfully importing data from Europe PMC, eLife, PLOS and PubMed. Springer Nature say they will also soon start supplying feeds, having tested successfully earlier in the year. These will consist of articles that have been made gold OA under the Springer Compact agreement, as well as content from their BioMed Central and SpringerOpen imprints, and will include full text in the version of record. Nine institutions are at various stages of involvement with the service, either receiving feeds for test purposes or into their live workflows. These all receive Router’s notifications straight into Eprints. Following earlier explorations with CRIS vendors, we are assessing options of how best to extend coverage to these systems.

» Work is continuing on a major programme to rebuild the Sherpa services technical infrastructure for public release in 2017.

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

» The EU-funded PASTEUR4OA project has produced a number of advocacy resources for institutions and funders. The OpenAIRE “National Open Access Desks” (Jisc is the UK one) will inherit the policy remit from the PASTEUR4OA project after it ends in July 2016.

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agreement compared to the total number of articles being made OA in 2015. 86% of institutions have already published OA articles equivalent to their total 2014 APC spend. We have blogged on the results of our interim analysis and the 91 participating institutions will receive a full report on the 25 July.

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 participating repositories currently stands at 112 and is steadily rising. Around 50 HEIs regularly run reports on usage data. The total number of downloads from participating repositories in June was 2,152,080. The total number of downloads to date is 63,461,275.

» The **ORCID national consortium** continues to grow, with 65 organisations involved, including the Research Councils. Jisc is offering full UK support to consortium members.

» The **OA Dashboard** is a new project to explore how data from various Jisc, local and third party services can be brought together to give a full picture of OA at the HEI and national levels.

» The **OA Button** is a Jisc-supported project to investigate a potential strategic shift to work more directly with Libraries and ILL.

**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. Some 55 HEIs have 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 monitor outputs they hold and provide reports on their REF compliance. A DSpace REF compliance checker is being developed and will be released in Sept 2016.

» A CASRAI UK chapter is in the process of being set up. This will be an opportunity for institutions to discuss their needs taking into account existing metadata and vocabulary initiatives.

**Key dates – 2016**

**July**

5-6  International advances in digital scholarship: Jisc and CNI Conference, Oxford

15  OA Good Practice summer series: cost management event, University of Bath

25  OA Good Practice special event: OAGP in Northern Ireland, Queens University Belfast

**August**

1  Repository Fringe, Edinburgh will include a session about IRUS-UK

**September**

  Launch of Publications Router, Monitor Local and Monitor UK services

  DSpace REF compliance checker available

  ORCID API hackday

**November**

1  OpenAIRE Workshop, Birmingham

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