COAR

Confederation of Open Access Repositories

Who we are

The Confederation of Open Access Repositories is a young, fast growing association of Open Access repository initiatives and networks, uniting and representing over 100 institutions worldwide (Europe, Asia, Latin and Northern America). Our mission is to facilitate greater visibility and application of research through a global network of Open Access repositories, based on interoperability and international cooperation.

Through its member institutions, COAR is working towards the development of a global Open Access repository community of practice from across institutions, countries, regions and disciplines. Our vision is a global knowledge infrastructure of networking Open Access repositories.

What we do

COAR Interoperability Project

Interoperability is the technical "glue" that makes possible the emerging open science infrastructure – an infrastructure that connects a global, decentralized network of repositories and other tools. The COAR Interoperability Roadmap, an upcoming publication designed to provide guidance to help repository aims to make sense of the interoperability landscape, understand which standards and protocols support which services and learn how to develop a strategy for interoperability at their institutions.

Sustainable Best Practices for Populating Repositories - Preliminary Report

COAR collected various information about sustainable, replicable best practices related to populating repositories. As a result case studies about topics like researcher advocacy, rights checking and content submission services as well as automated downloading of citation data are among others published on the COAR website.

Support and Training

Supporting regional and national repository initiatives and promoting the repository manager profession, we prepare

1. Online workshops & training events
2. Useful reading for repository managers
3. National Helpdesks

Open Access Agreements and Licenses Task Force

The multi-stakeholder Task Force initiated and supported by COAR, with members representing a number of different types of organizations (libraries, licensing agencies, library associations, and open access groups) has a common interest in promoting sustainable and effective practices for Open Access.

Open Access repositories 'horizon scanning'

How can our open access repositories remain relevant for research and education? What are the future trends and scenarios in the context of the use of repositories? Which innovative usage of technology most interests your repository to better serve your community? Innovative projects and initiatives, and much more will be discovered in the brand new **COAR Repository Observatory** (under construction). Your contribution is needed. Please feel free to contact us.

Why to join COAR

- **Premium access to practitioners** in their field
- **Significant cost and time savings** because of **reduced staff effort** at institutional, national and regional level, e.g. for system & technology market analysis, implementation advice etc.
- **Knowledge sharing events** such as COAR Forums/ Seminars („member-only"), internationally and in your region
- Target group-specific, intense and fruitful **exchange of experiences** from around the world
- The opportunity to **participate and contribute to activities through COAR Working Groups** in an international environment with the best practitioners
- **Staying at the front of OA repositories developments** with international initiatives such as the **License Task Force** or the COAR **Repository Observatory**
- **Individual Helpdesk/Mentoring Services** e.g. if you want to install a repository system or a new service (e.g. statistics), practitioners will support you
- **Selected sponsorships** of COAR meetings and start-up sponsorship for developing regions
- **Participation in setting up COAR Studies, Roadmaps**, etc. to advance OA repository developments

Interested?

Read our quarterly newsletter on

www.coar-repositories.org

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