Open Access
Perspective of a repository manager

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Overview

- Repositories - key players in OA
- Effect of UK preference for Gold
- Open Access process at Reading
Repositories are key players in OA

- **Green route** to Open Access
- Databases of freely accessible research outputs
- Content varies
  - peer reviewed articles, conference papers, chapters, reports etc
- Established infrastructure
  - worldwide: > 2,200 (OpenDOAR), >3,300 (ROAR)
  - institutional, subject

...alongside Gold Open Access and traditional publishing

www.opendoar.org   roar.eprints.org
OA Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies 2003-13

roarmap.eprints.org/

OA workshop
Institutional Repository growth in UK, 2005 - 2013

www.opendoar.org

CentAUR established Jan 2010

160 x IRs, June 2013

JISC investment
UK preference for Gold....

- Finch report
  - repositories to be for grey literature, research data, theses

- RCUK OA policy
  - preference for Gold, supported by block grants BUT “decision on which model [Gold or Green] to follow remains at the discretion of the researchers and their research organisations”.

- Consequences for Green OA
  - Embargo periods for Green have lengthened
  - Complicated publisher policies – variations depending on funder and institutional OA policy
...however Green is still valid

- **HEFCE proposal for post-2014 REF**
  - outputs to be Green or Gold and to be available through institutional repository
  - commitment to “support the development and use of repositories”

- **Green elsewhere e.g.**
  - European Commission
    - Horizon 2020– from 2014 Green or Gold OA
  - Australian Research Council – Green (specifies institutional repository)
  - US – Green or gold policy in progress (for federally funded research)
Repository position strengthened

- OA debate is high profile
  - authors understand what CentAUR is for!

- Repositories needed to provide Green OA
  - insufficient funds for Gold (subscriptions and APCs)
  - Gold not offered by all journals (may never be)

- CentAUR is central to institutional processes for OA
  - to record OA and report compliance
OA process at Reading

• University’s Open Access policy* (journal articles)
  - Green (CentAUR) as the default
  - Gold if appropriate (publisher offers it, funding allows)
    • Gold for RCUK (NB Open Access Fund)

• in CentAUR
  - Author self-archives the author-final version immediately it is accepted for publication (NB publisher permissions > 60% allow)
  - CentAUR staff:
    • check permissions, set embargoes
    • upload published version (if appropriate e.g. Gold CC-BY)

*www.reading.ac.uk/web/FILES/imps/OA_policy_v2_3_with_guidancev4.pdf
Tips for authors

What does your funder require for OA?

What OA options does your journal offer?

Co-authored?
Decide who will add to CentAUR

Maintain an author final version for CentAUR (unless not permitted by publisher)
Is it worth it? CentAUR downloads

Monthly downloads from CentAUR June ‘12- May ‘13

- 80,000 downloads
  - 21,000 UK
  - 8,000 US
  - 7,000 China
  - etc

- Article full text deposit rate approx. 20%, 2010-

http://centaur.reading.ac.uk/stats.html

OA workshop