

## **COAR Membership Benefits Statement**

The Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR) is a dynamic, fast growing association of repository initiatives. Launched in October 2009, COAR now has a membership of over 100 institutions worldwide from 35 countries in 4 continents. Its mission is to enhance the visibility and application of research outputs through a global network of open access digital repositories.

### **Why Join COAR?**

1. Your institution will be part of the largest unique network of major institutions and organizations worldwide related to open access repositories. Members benefit from a stimulating community of international leaders in their field in an atmosphere of intense, close and fruitful exchange of expertise and sharing of best practice experiences.
2. The profile of your institution will be enhanced, and your events will be promoted, through the COAR Newsletter, COAR website and social network mechanisms, and the COAR members mailing list.
3. Advanced institutions will benefit from the COAR network to make their achievements, platforms, or services widely known to the global community.
4. Institutions in a set-up or consolidation phase will have access to practical advice both in technical and policy related issues.
5. COAR membership can bring significant time and cost savings because of reduced staff efforts at the institutional, national and regional level (e.g. for system & technology market analysis, implementation advice, etc.)
6. Institutions will stay up-to-date with future developments through the recently established COAR Repository Observatory, briefing papers, studies on best practices and roadmaps.
7. At the same time, institutions will be able to contribute to strategic developments in the repository community by participating in international groups with specific objectives like data management, usage data/metrics, interoperability with CRIS's, persistent identifiers, and development of value added services on top of repositories.
8. COAR actively promotes the role of repositories within the broader scholarly ecosystem and works with other actors to ensure alignment of services and infrastructure globally.

## Current Activities

COAR pursues its vision through an active community of members engaged in working and interest groups, advocacy activities, and training opportunities.

### Advocacy & Leadership

- Association of Research Libraries
- EuroCRIS
- European Commission
- G8 + O5 Global Research Infrastructure / Data Working Group
- Global Research Council
- Research Data Alliance
- UNESCO

### Interest and Working Groups

- Joint Task Force on Librarian Competencies for E-Research and Scholarly Communication
- Repository Content Working Group
- Repository Interoperability Project
- Open Access Agreements and Licenses Task Force
- RDA Long Tail of Research Data Interest Group
- Usage Data Interest Group

### Information & Training

- COAR Online Training Materials
- Repository Support and Training Working Group
- Repository Observatory, Webinars and Briefing Reports
- Institutional Repositories Dealing with Data: Workshop at OR 2013
- Towards the Universality of Open Access: Spanish Webinar

### Briefs, Publications and Reports

- COAR Newsletter
- Incentives, Integration, and Mediation: Sustainable Practices for Populating Repositories
- Joint responses, e.g. to EC Research Data Framework
- Repository Interoperability Roadmap

COAR is platform agnostic. Regardless of the software type or stage of development of your repository, COAR has something to offer your organization.

For more information, visit [www.coar-repositories.org](http://www.coar-repositories.org) or contact COAR Executive Director, Kathleen Shearer: [kathleen.shearer@coar-repositories.org](mailto:kathleen.shearer@coar-repositories.org)

## COAR Membership Categories and Fees

(Extracted from Membership Fee Regulations, 2014)

### Institutional Members

Institutional membership is open to institutions worldwide forming legal entities and which, for this purpose, are defined as not-for-profit institutions of higher education, research, infrastructure, and/or technology.

The annual fee for a single member is 500 € (approximately \$680 US)

### Consortia

Consortium membership is open to library organisations, professional associations and consortia, which consist of institutions as mentioned above. This category includes national associations of libraries or repository organizations.

The annual fee for a consortium depends on its size, at minimum eleven institutions. A discount is given to each institution; the fee calculated as laid out in the following table:

| Number of Institutions forming the Consortium | Discount per institution | Fee per institution | Minimum Fee per consortium | Maximum Fee per consortium |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 11 to 30                                      | 10%                      | 450 €               | 4.950 €                    | 13.500 €                   |
| 31 to 50                                      | 20%                      | 400 €               | 12.400 €                   | 20.000 €                   |
| 51 to 70                                      | 30%                      | 350 €               | 17.850 €                   | 24.500 €                   |
| 71 and more                                   | 35%                      | 325 €               | 23.075 €                   |                            |

### Special Members

Eligibility for Special Membership shall be granted to institutions from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) according to the list of the United Nations. Institutions from LDCs are exempt from regular membership fees, but expected to contribute through COAR activities.

### Partners

Membership Fees Regulations do not apply to partners who may contribute by sponsorship.

Complete Membership Fee Regulations are available at [www.coar-repositories.org](http://www.coar-repositories.org) or can be requested at the COAR Office.