



COAR Interest Groups *at-a-Glance*

At COAR we aim to ensure that our activities are directly relevant to the interests and challenges of our member organizations. Our activities are pursued through interest groups and task forces that are initiated by members and target specific issues of significance to the repository community.

If you have an idea for an interest group or would like to join one of these groups, please contact the COAR office or COAR Executive Director, Kathleen Shearer: kathleen.shearer@coar-repositories.org

Interoperability Roadmap

COAR Interoperability Project enters the next stage of a process aiming to establish the COAR Roadmap for Future Directions for Repository Interoperability, trying to maximize the use and re-use of existing guidelines and best practices. The main goal of the Roadmap is to identify, discuss, address emerging issues and trends and identify where the effort should be put towards future repositories interoperability as key component of the wider e-infrastructure for research and education. We will liaise with other initiatives in the world, bringing them together and assess what should be done at an international scale.

Joint Task Force on Librarians' Competencies in support of e-Research and Scholarly Communication

The aim of the task force is to outline the competencies needed by librarians in this evolving environment. The first step will be to identify the various avenues of service for libraries within the context of e-research, repository management, and scholarly communication. These services and roles will then be mapped to the competencies required by librarians and library professionals. The task force will also make note of the array of organizational models evolving to support new services.

Open Access Agreements and Licenses Task Force

This is 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) with a common interest in promoting sustainable and effective practices for open access. The purpose of the task force is to monitor, evaluate and promote the implementation of effective open access agreements and licenses in order to improve access to research papers globally.

RDA Long Tail of Research Data Interest Group (open to all)

Universities and research institutions are becoming increasingly interested in collecting and providing access to datasets produced at their institution that do not fall within the scope of other discipline-based, or government repositories. The aim of this Interest Group is to develop a set of good practices for managing research data archived in the university context. The scope of the topic will be limited to the data generated in universities and research institutions and the role of institutional repositories and libraries as agents of the institutional data management.



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Repository Observatory

Objective of the COAR Repository Observatory is to identify trends and future scenarios in the context of the use of repositories in research and education, to help open access repositories to anticipate and respond the constant state of rapid evolution.

Repository Visibility (in formation)

There are a number of activities that institutions can undertake in order to maximize the visibility of repository collections and ensure they are well established and well used resources. These include search engine optimization, integrating repositories into external discovery services, and promoting the repository locally with researchers and administrators. This interest group will explore and document existing approaches for maximizing repository visibility as well as develop new and innovative strategies for the various targeted user groups for adoption by repositories around the world.

Existe una serie de acciones que las instituciones pueden realizar para maximizar la visibilidad de las colecciones del repositorio y convertirlo en una fuente de consulta frecuente/ permanente. Estos incluyen la optimización de motores de búsqueda, la integración de repositorios en los servicios de buscadores externos y la promoción del repositorio local ante los investigadores y administradores. Este grupo de interés explorará y documentará los enfoques existentes para maximizar la visibilidad de repositorio, así como desarrollará innovadoras estrategias que puedan ser adoptadas por los repositorios de todo el mundo y adaptadas a los distintos tipos de usuarios de repositorios.

Usage Data and Beyond Interest Group

This interest group will undertake a review of existing and emerging article level metrics with the aim of identifying a common set of metrics that can be adopted across repositories, enabling the community to compare statistics across repositories. There are already a number of projects at the local, national and international level that are gathering and aggregating usage data from repositories. The interest group will first create a “robot list” that documents the various metrics available (at the technical and organizational level). It will then identify and recommend a set of standard usage measure for repositories internationally.