SHERPA Plus

advocacy and analysis: development and design

SHERPA Plus is a SHERPA project that works towards the wider establishment and use of institutional repositories.

The project is active in many areas -

- providing advocacy material for re-use
- maintaining the SHERPA website with news and information
- collecting and advising on advocacy strategies
- providing liaison between stakeholders
- compiling lists of contacts for open access work
- examining the issues behind repository expansion
- establishing UKCoRR as a professional body for UK repository administrators

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The SHERPA Partnership is working to develop the national network of institutional repositories. Individual partners all have active repository programmes and many are working on major development projects. As a partnership, SHERPA is working in a number of projects in the UK and abroad. These include SHERPA Plus, DRIVER and a new major JISC initiative, the Repositories Support Project.

The SHERPA team provides some of the familiar open access services - RoMEO, OpenDOAR and the new JULIET. SHERPA has an Affiliate Partner programme to share experiences and information - see our website.

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The SHERPA partnership grew from the original partners in the SHERPA Project (2003-2006) and now has over 30 institutions within the partnership. The partners share a private email list and update service and hold meetings to discuss developments and share best practice.

The partnership is a large and varied consortium and has within its membership a range of examples of repository environments and institutional structures. The partners are all research-led institutions, all with practical experience of building and populating eprint repositories. As such they are well placed to take full advantage of the facilities that eprint repositories and extended-data repositories can offer. This strong and varied consortial background offers the ideal environment for evaluating and testing ideas for repository development, which can be evaluated and disseminated to the wider community.

SHERPA has an Affiliate programme, and Affiliate Partners join with other partners in a mailing list and web services, and are able to take part in the wider collaboration and consultation work on repository issues within the project.

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The SHERPA Team have just finished a nation-wide series of RoadShows, visiting institutions to promote the ideas of Open Access and institutional repositories. This work will be carried on by the SHERPA team as part of the Repositories Support Project (RSP)

These are some examples of advocacy materials and presentations that have been produced for the events and for people to re-use.

All presentations are freely available for re-use from the SHEPA website, along with a range of other Open Access resources, information and services, including RoMEO, JULIET and links to OpenDOAR.

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Nobel prize winners join calls to open research to all

More than 12,000 academics including two Nobel laureates have signed a petition urging the European commission to make publicly funded academic research available for free on the internet.

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A year ago the EC published an independent report showing the price of scientific journals rose 200-300% beyond inflation between 1975 and 1995. The market, the study said, was worth up to $11bn (£5.6bn) a year.

The report recommended that the European Union should follow the lead of many research funders, both public and ch... ...
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Open access and the price of knowledge

...Russell, head of the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers, says: "Even open access lobbyists agree that author archiving will cause subscription cancellations and journals to go out of business.

There are some things which are so self-evidently right and good that it's hard to imagine how anyone could disagree with you. The "open access" academic journal movement is one of those things. It is a no-brainer.

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Pressure is growing for academic publishers to put the fruits of publicly funded labour on the web

"Ours is the best of businesses: we get our raw material for free and our customers pay us a year in advance," joked the publisher of an academic journal to a university researcher.

Perhaps not for much longer. Momentum is growing for publicly funded published academic research to be available free on the internet. So-called "open access" would mean anyone could view an article in a scholarly journal shortly after it was published.

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and no one would manage the
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excerpt from
Jessica Shepherd

What is going on?

SHERPA RoadShows
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guidance/roadshows.html

Open Access, Archiving, Mandates, Copyright and what it all means to you!

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FIRST CONTACT

Would you like to be first contact in your institution for Open Access matters? SHERPA is adding to its list of contacts in institutions around the world.

The list of contacts is held on the SHERPA website.

If you would like to be on this list, then register your name and details with a SHERPA staff member, or leave your business card below.

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UKCoRR
UK Council of Research Repositories

Developing an Experience-Led Association for Repository Staff

SHERPA Plus is pleased to announce the public launch of UKCoRR - the UK Council of Research Repositories; which will hold its inaugural meeting in Nottingham on Monday, May 21st, 2007.

UKCoRR will be an independent professional body to allow repository managers to share experiences and discuss issues of common concern. It will give repository managers a group voice in national discussions and policy development.

Part of the inaugural meeting in Nottingham will be discussion about the future direction of role of UKCoRR and what repository managers as a professional community would like to get from the group.

We would like to invite all UK-based research repository administrators to come to the meeting to discuss issues relating to managing their repositories and their roles.

Inaugural Meeting:
University of Nottingham
Monday 21st May 2007

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