Open Access: Policy and Advocacy

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Where we are

- One library with effective mandate – and IR worth showing off! (Queensland)
- One new university mandate
- Wellcome Trust policy
- New OA Resolution from UNESCO
- Waiting for RCUK
- Many IRs either very recent or in planning stages

Copyright

- Authors can publish and retain their copyright
- Help faculty negotiate rights
- Standard addendum
- SPARC U.S. Authors'Addendum

http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/addendum.html

- SURF Copyright Toolkit

http://www.surf.nl/copyright/edition7.php

Advocacy for a mandate

- Takes time – but not necessarily contentious
- Keep it simple
- Emphasize that the IR is not for commercial purposes
- Focus on the works that authors give away
- Tie to the mission of the university or funder

Canada: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

- Highlighting value of the funding agency
- Improve visibility of SSH
- Consultation on Open Access
- Comments due October 31: please contribute!

http://www.sshrc.ca/web/whatsnew/initiatives/open_access/index_e.asp

- Majority of SSH journals are subsidized; why not make OA a requirement?

Advocacy: the carrot??

- Considered when you apply for research fund?
- Part of research assessment?
- Might be effective with or without mandate

Business model

- Funding agencies doing their part
- Central fund – well-funded areas help others?
- What about library subscriptions?
  - One library: some funding shifted from subscriptions to processing fee charges
  - Others: BMC membership
  - Limited enthusiasm for now, future possibility
  - Funds tied up in Big Deal

Types of material

- Peer-reviewed research only
- Separate repositories for different material
- Mixed repositories:

  research articles, institutional records, art collections, theses, conference proceedings, working papers, teaching materials

- Collaborative repositories
- Strong feelings about what should be included or not included
- How you present your repository

Other issues

- Language of the repository
- What about humanities and material in other languages?
- Types of repository: institutional, subject, funder
- Restricted vs. open access:
    - Metadata open, material restricted
    - Material open, metadata restricted
    - Teaching materials, institutional records: restricted