DRIVER
Action plan for an International Repository Organisation

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Joining up Repositories
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What is the Confederation…?

- Permanent organisational backbone for European repository structure
  - Geographic and thematic extension
  - Diffusion of DRIVER technology
  - Connect established communities of practice
  - Promote Open Access
  - Fill repositories with Open Access publications

…an integrated concept for organisation of the European Open Access repository landscape, in a virtual structure – beyond DRIVER project activities.
Investigate appropriate organisational models for international repository organisation (IRO)

Sustainable network of strategic partnerships
- Membership / association / alliance
- Sponsorship / funding

Motivate sustainability
- Separate DRIVER Confederation from IRO
- Distributed ownership, strong reputation, high impact

Define goals and strategic actions of IRO
- Stakeholder groups
Vision statement

To enhance and progress the provision, visibility and application of research outputs through global networks of Open Access digital repositories.
Proposal

- Forum for exchange best practice & reliable information on operational Open Access implementation activities and emerging repository developments;
- Develop and promote light-weight interoperability guidelines across regional and disciplinary infrastructures;
- Raise awareness among all stakeholders, including funding agencies, the research community, service providers and NGOs;
- Promote the repository manager profession across regions and disciplines;
- Establish sustainable business models for repositories and related services and activities;
- Flexible and independent organisational structure, to respond quickly to emerging trends and developments; and
- Assure the necessary degree of good governance.
Benefits of international coordination

- **Researchers** become more aware of the benefits of Open Access and e-research, (and of what they need to do to gain those benefits);

- **Publishers** have an accepted international partner (alongside the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association) with whom to discuss practical issues relating to changing scholarly communication;

- **Research managers and funders** have an accepted international partner with whom to have discussions about scholarly communication and research information infrastructure;

- National associations of **repository managers** have a network of partner organisations with whom to collaborate.
1 – Vision/Mission/Objectives of IRO

2 – Participation
   Categories (Members/ Partners/Allies/ Associates)
   Member benefits and roles

3 – Activities
   Advocacy, technical and policy recommendations, guidelines, certificates, training, etc.

4 – Governance
   Board / National/Regional Representation / Working Groups

5 – Finance
   Cost estimates?
   How many organisations willing to pay an annual membership fee?
   What amount?
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Launch

Scheduled for 20 October, 2009
- *six years after the Berlin Declaration*
- *Open Access week*
- *University of Ghent*

Participation
- *EU Commission*
- *International OA representatives*
- *Strategic partners*