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Action plan for an International Repository Organisation

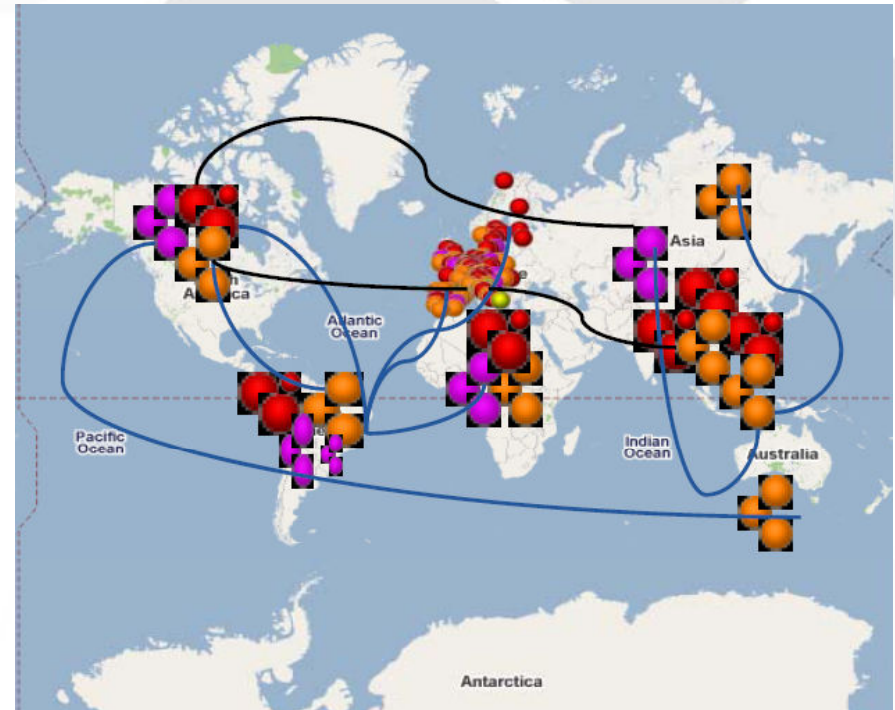Dale Peters
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Joining up Repositories
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CAPACITIES

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.

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- 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.

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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

Conceptual framework

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*