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Connecting the Open Repository Community

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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the ORI News Bulletin



Bringing together highlights, updates, and upcoming events from across our community. Over the past few months, there has been great momentum across ORI initiatives—from progress in the OpenAIRE Adopter Assistance Programme to lively discussions within our growing network.

This issue reflects the continued collaboration, knowledge sharing, and innovation across the ORI community. We hope you find it informative and interesting, and we look forward to your ongoing engagement in the months ahead.

OpenAIRE Adopter Assistance Programme

Enrolments in the OpenAIRE Adopter Assistance Programme are officially closed

The Programme is supporting repository managers in mapping their repository's metadata to OpenAIRE v4 standards — allowing the repository to have richer metadata in the OpenAIRE Graph and OA Monitor. Thirteen repositories have joined the programme, three of which have already gone to the last stage of registration with OpenAIRE. The remaining 10 repositories are on the last steps and will complete the work over July and August. Well done everyone! We can't wait to celebrate the work done by all participants.



If you couldn't join, we will release training materials and examples over the next two months.

ORCID–DSpace Consultation Meeting

Consultation meeting held on 15 June

Bram Luyten (Atmire), presented a proposed approach to integrating ORCID iDs into DSpace at the University of Galway. The session highlighted which features are already supported within the existing DSpace codebase and could be reused, as well as outlining areas where further development may be required.



Bram also responded to a range of questions from participants, providing helpful insights into the proposed implementation.

A recording of the session is available for ORI members to view:
<https://youtu.be/mJm5izKKI2I>

Please note: this recording is for internal use only within the ORI group and should not be shared publicly, as it includes participants' names and voices.

Useful links shared during the session:

- Tool for identifying duplicate authors in a repository:
<https://github.com/atmire/dspace-python-client>
- DSpace feature for mapping ORCID to OpenAIRE (pending merge into the main codebase):
<https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/issues/9699>
<https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/pull/11159>

COAR Annual Conference 2026

COAR Annual Meeting 2026, held 1–3 June in Braga, Portugal



Bringing together the international repository and open science community to explore how to sustain openness and collaboration amid growing geopolitical tensions and rapid technological change.

Discussions focused on advancing interoperable scholarly communication systems despite global fragmentation, leveraging artificial intelligence responsibly while ensuring trust and transparency, and balancing global discoverability with local sovereignty and multilingual research outputs. Through workshops, international roundtables, and sessions on next-generation repositories, networked services, and AI integration, participants explored emerging tools (including COAR Notify), new narratives about the value of repositories, and strategies to strengthen infrastructure, discovery, and resilience across the open science ecosystem.

ORI members Cillian Joy (University of Galway), Bianca Pereira (University of Galway), and Aaron Binchy (IREL) attended the conference.

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Upcoming ORI Events

Save the Date! For 3 upcoming ORI Events

Open Access Monitor Tour for Repository Managers – 29 June

A community meeting is scheduled for 29 June, where Leonidas Pispiringas (OpenAIRE) will introduce the Open Access Monitor for Repository Managers. The session will demonstrate how to connect to the monitor, outline the types of data available, and highlight key features relevant to repository management.



Rights Retention – 20 July

The next community meeting will take place on Monday, 20 July at 11:30am. Cillian Joy, Head of Research Services at the University of Galway Library, will outline how institutional rights retention policies operate in practice and lead a discussion on this important topic.

Register here:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/9789fc04-94a0-4ce7-9d1e-dd7459fc1f9c@1454f5cc-bb35-4685-bbd9-8621fd8055c9>

ORI Summer Event – 31 August 2026

The ORI Summer Event is confirmed! Our in-person event is taking place on Monday, August 31st at the University of Galway.

It is time to come together again to share experiences, learn something new, and celebrate everything that has happened in the first half of the year. If you can come, join us in person at the University of Galway. If you can't, join us online or catch up with the recording later.

Here is how one participant described our last in-person event:

"There was a very warm and informal feel to the day. It was a great opportunity to feel part of the community, and it was very helpful to get a real insight into the shared challenges people are facing in each of their institutions. Everyone was given space and had the opportunity to offer perspective."

We hope to see you there. More information will be available soon in the mailing list soon.

ORI Community Activity

New Members & Active Discussions

We're delighted to welcome eight new members, who joined to the ORI community in the past couple of months: Heather, Diarmuid, Rachael, Rosarie, Maeve, Ali, Emelie, and Colin; we look forward to your contributions and engagement.

The ORI discussion group has also been particularly active, with valuable exchanges across a range of topics—especially the recent discussions on Coding for Repository Managers. This is clearly an area of strong interest, and one we expect to revisit.

Thank you to all members for your continued participation and for sharing your knowledge so generously.

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