

UKCoRR Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 18/03/2010

Location: Video Conference

Attendees: Jenny Delasalle, Dominic Tate & Nicky Cashman

Apologies: none

1. Membership/Committee structure

Criteria

Charter

Non-research repositories

2. Nominations

3. News

COAR

RLUK

MoU

4. Action points

1. Membership/Committee Structure –

Disassociating the list from the membership was discussed as was the option of reassessing the situation in a year's time. With nearly 200 members, there are many who are not active on the discussion list. Does the criterion need to be changed? This would always be in consultation with the members. For those members who have previously been involved directly with repositories and yet do not now – after leaving posts etc – meet the criteria, the suggestion is that the committee would as at present be aware and notified and a message could then be sent to the membership to gauge if there would be any objections. Any objections could then be handled privately by committee members.

Criteria could always be voted on at a later date. It was decided that there was no need to amend the current charter.

Discussion turned to where UKCoRR stands with learning object only repositories. There are differing concepts of repositories, however, UKCoRR criteria does not state that its repository practitioners need to be involved with 'Open Access' or 'research'. Therefore, it was decided that UKCoRR can continue as it is considering the bulk of the members are research based.

2. Nominations –

So far there has been interest shown in several committee positions. There has been one firm nomination for Chair and one for External Liaison Officer. Nominations close Friday 26th March 2010, but as DT is away for that week, it has been agreed that he will organise an appropriate out of office message that members can contact NC or JD re nominations. Discussions will be held among committee members on Monday 29th March 2010 before sending an announcement to the membership.

3. News –

COAR, an international organisation for repositories (membership/partnership required for a substantial payment) was contacted by DT so as to inform them of UKCoRR's existence. Response was received by Dr Schmidt who invited UKCoRR to join, however, it needs to be pointed out that UKCoRR is not funded and would therefore not be in a position to pay a fee. DT to respond accordingly.

RLUK and David Prosser response to JD re the MoU. Comment by David was that MoU gives publishers too much scope i.e. that a repository practitioner would 'police' and check on behalf of publishers.

JD points out that the MoU is designed to create a dialogue with publishers. The MoU could in future be introduced by SCONUL or by one particular publisher with other organisations. MoU going to other organisations – JD has been in touch with Graham Taylor of the Publisher's Association and intends to contact ALPSP in the near future. The committee decided that it was best for JD to continue with the good work with the MoU after having stepped down from being the UKCoRR Chair, although JD will also work with future committee members and be prepared to follow their advice.

4. Action Points –

DT to organise nominations on 29th March

JD and NC to respond to any nominations up to 26th March

JD to continue with MoU

NC to continue to check new member requests and contact members who leave the list