DRF/NII joined the COAR General Assembly Meeting 2012

COAR General Meeting was held in Uppsala, Finland, on the 21st and 22nd of June, 2012. Kyoko Jo and Ikuko Tsuchide, both from DRF and Hideaki Takeda, NII, attended the General Assembly (GA), on which Ikuko answers our questions.

What happened in this year’s GA?

There were three different kinds of meetings – working group meetings, the General Assembly and contributed presentations.

Working Group meetings

Three working groups are organized in order to implement the two year action plan for the 2012–2014 term. WG1 concerns repository content, and, in that group, we discussed what the COAR could do to enrich Open Access contents. Solid grounds need to be shown to the top management of universities to push forward the OA Advocacy toward Mandate. That’s why we will have to collect excellent case scenarios from all over the world. The Hita-hita advocacy was presented as one of such cases at the meeting.

WG2 works on repository interoperability. The need for assembling information about various protocols and existing systems was recognized as a preparation for creating guidelines for interoperability and drawing a roadmap for its realization.

WG3 focuses on support structures for repository networks and training for repository managers. Although language will remain a major obstacle in sharing materials and information for repository managers, the group decided to collect training materials, share common themes and collaborate in coming up with solutions to individually unsolvable problems.

What is COAR

COAR (the Confederation of Open Access Repositories) is uniting open access and repository initiatives in the world, such as DRF in Japan. DRF and NII has joined COAR since October 2009 as founders. The Annual Meeting and the GA in this year was the 3rd time since COAR had launched. (See also DRF monthly No.2)

What impressed you most?

What impressed me most was that so many issues were shared between us in Japan and the rest of the world. One example is the issue of the coordination between the IR and the faculty accomplishment database, or the current researcher information system (CRIS: in the European terms). There were other discussions about topics such access statistics, OA and research evaluation by Impact Factor, and improvement of IR visibility for Google crawling. Questions were asked concerning ROAT, DRF’s study and training programs from the floor. When they saw the picture of the trainee presenting their decisions on how to improve their own IR initiatives, the participants agreed, “It’s a good idea. We want to do this in an IR meeting”.

General Assembly

The election of next Board members took place and activities of last year were reported. Shigeki Sugita (DRF, Otaru University of Commerce Library) is finishing his term (Oct. 2009 – Sep. 12) as the deputy chairperson of COAR.

Presentations / Workshops on individual theme

Participating organizations made presentation about their own initiatives. Professor Takeda introduced Japan’s initiatives, i.e. Researcher Name Resolver, JAIR Cloud, ROAT, SCPJ and DRF from the viewpoint of the personnel network of academics, system and IR managers. DRF and other 9 organizations joined the poster session. We explained the features of DRF activities such as training courses and workshops.

COAR website http://www.coarrepositories.org/
What is “Author Identification”? : Name disambiguation by the author identifier

Recently, we have heard the “Author Identification” as one of the institutional repositories’ topics. What is it? How does it relate to us? We have interviewed with an IR staff at Kanazawa University Library which is now implementing author identification project.

More and more research outputs have been made available via institutional repositories. But when you need all the articles of an author deposited in multiple repositories, how do you gather them?

In case of a researcher like this …

Graduate student in Univ. A: 「金沢, 里ほこ」
Assistant Professor in Univ. B: 「金沢, 里ほこ」 「Kanazawa, Rihoko」
Associate Professor in Univ. C: 「金沢, 里ほこ」 「Kanazawa, Rihoko」
Professor in Univ. C: 「石川, 里ほこ」
Working abroad in Univ. D: 「石川, Rihoko」 「Ishikawa, Rihoko」
Professor in Univ. B: 「石川, 里ほこ」 「Ishikawa, Rihoko」

The articles of this researcher are available from four institutional repositories with five different formats of the name. Do you think it is possible to find all the articles only with the form of the name?

Cases of troublesome names

鈴木, 一朗 = Ichiro, Suzuki
(In different writing systems)
斉藤 = 斎藤 = 齊藤
(In different forms of the same character)
鈴木, 博
(In the case of a very common name)

As shown in the example on the left, there are various names for the same person. And some researchers have same name. So, it is difficult to list up all the articles of one researcher relying on his/her name.

As one of DRF challenging activities, Kanazawa University has been experimenting to build a mechanism that gives the unique number for each author and creates a list of articles by it. A unique number given to each author is called "author identifier".

By using the author identifier, you will be able to identify the author. It is called “Author Identification”.

So, what should we use as the author identifier?

Luckily, in Japan, there is the "Research Numbers of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research". This number is unique and does not change even if the researcher moves to a new institution. We used the numbers for our author identification project.
If you enter an identifier which identifies the author of an article across different institutions when you deposit the article on your institutional repository, and if JAIRO, or any harvester, for that matter, harvests all the articles on repositories, you can create a list of all articles published by each author on JAIRO, or anywhere.

In the case of Ishikawa, Rihoko, née Kanazawa.

In Univ. A's IR
Author: Kanazawa, R.
Identifier: 12345678

In Univ. B's IR
Author: Ishikawa, R.
Identifier: 12345678

In Univ. C's IR
Author: Kanazawa, R.
Identifier: 12345678

In Univ. D's IR
Author: Ishikawa, R.
Identifier: abc-123

All the articles by an author can be identified by the author identifier!

ONLY two things to implement author identification function
1. To input the author identifier for your university’s researchers
2. Customize the crosswalk to make the author identifier target for metadata harvesting in the juminii2 format

DSpace
We recommend you to update DSpace to version 1.6 or later. It will enable you to handle author identifiers easily. Some other repository software can also manage author identifiers, so please consider utilizing them.

Recommended identifier
We recommend the NII Researcher Name Resolver ID (RNR ID). An RNR ID is the unique identifier for an individual researcher which contains the Researcher Numbers of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (so called KAKEN number) for the researcher as part thereof. If the researcher does not have a KAKEN number, RNR assigns her or him an original number.

Let’s link researcher with article
With author identifiers, research outcomes will be easily linked to researcher information. For example, it is possible to make bidirectional reference between a university’s researcher information database and its institutional repository. It is good to be able to link from an article in the repository to the author’s information page.

Written by Shun Morimoto, Kanazawa University

Your point well taken! Given all author identifiers entered at each IRs, research outcomes by such researchers as have moved to different institutions can be summarized and listed up. Also an international framework for Author Identification is reportedly being under consideration at NII. Start now to make headway later!

The project’s website by Kanazawa university: http://www.lib.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/kura/maidentity/
Researcher Name Resolver by NII: http://rns.nii.ac.jp/
DRF Event Updates

rliaison Project offers a workshop

**Tue, 11 September @ Tokyo Dental College in Tokyo**

Supported by DRF rliaison project (Participating organization: Otaru University of Commerce, Hokkaido University, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Asahikawa Medical College, Saint Gakuin University)

Joint sponsored by Tokyo Dental College

This workshop has two sessions: System Construction session (chair Shun Tutiya) and Awareness session (chair Hiroya Takeuchi). Communicating between IR staff and researchers brings much more benefit to libraries, in addition to enriching IR contents. Let’s share the good practice and the recent OA trends to develop new insight into the innovation of the library operation. Details will come soon on DRF wiki.

**DRFmed-mis29@Tsukiji**

Sun, 26 September @ St. Luke’s College of Nursing

DRF workshop for medical librarians is offered at The 29th Conference of Medical Information Services.


**SPARC Japan seminar with Mr. Mark Paterson, the editor-in-chief of “eLife.”**

**Thu, 23 August @ NII**

“eLife” is an OA journal to be launched by Howard Hugh Medical Institute, Max Planck Institute, and Welcome Trust. It has a new feature of being published by the research funding agency. It will be the big milestone of OA movements for people working in the scholarly communities to get touch with the cutting-edge trends in Open Access mega journals taken up in seminars last year.

For Details, go to SPARC Japan web.

**See also:**

SPARC Japan Event Updates:

[drf:2918] eLife Re: Interview with PLoS:
[http://drf.lib.hokudai.ac.jp/drfml/msg02903.html](http://drf.lib.hokudai.ac.jp/drfml/msg02903.html)

**DRF IR Training Events 2012**

For Beginners
23–24 Aug University of Tsukuba
6–7 Sep Okayama University
18–19 Oct NII

For Seniors
26–28 Sep TBA

※ Go to DRF Wiki for details.

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[http://drf.lib.hokudai.ac.jp/gekkandrf_inq.html](http://drf.lib.hokudai.ac.jp/gekkandrf_inq.html)

**Digital Repository Federation**

http://drf.lib.hokudai.ac.jp/drf/

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