COPPUL Scholarly Communications Working Group
http://www.coppul.ca/scholarlycommunications
Report for the Fall 2015 COPPUL Directors Meeting (September 18)

Background
The COPPUL Scholarly Communications Working Group (SCWG) was endorsed as a standing committee of COPPUL in March 2012, and has been fully operating since September 2012. SCWG met three times by Skype since the group's last report to COPPUL Directors, which was presented at the Spring 2015 COPPUL Directors Meeting (March 6).

Activities Since The Last Report
Membership change
The following members completed their terms.
- Michael Horner, University of Winnipeg (July 2015)
- Marinus Swanepoel, University of Lethbridge (September 2015)
- John Tooth, University of Winnipeg (July 2015); due to retirement, he left in the middle of his term (January 2015 – December 2017).

SCWG needs one new member whose term will be until December 2017, and would like COPPUL directors to select this member. Currently, there is at least one member from each of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, so the new member could be from any of the four provinces.
- Terms of Reference: http://www.coppul.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/SCWGToRef - Revised Sept 2014.pdf

COPPUL sponsorship for 2015 Open Access Week speaker events
The COPPUL Board granted SCWG $2000 to support 2015 Open Access Week speaker events at COPPUL institutions. SCWG is selecting two proposals in September. Each proposal will receive up to $1000 to cover the cost of live-webcasting and archiving the speakers' presentations as well as other costs associated with the Open Access Week event. Winners will be notified by September 30, 2015, and will be announced in early October. Talks will be archived by December 31, 2015.

Work plan 2015-2016
SCWG is considering the following activities, and would appreciate COPPUL Directors' input and approval. SCWG aims to complete these activities by September 2016.
1. Propose that COPPUL members support the Open Library of Humanities (OLH) through its Library Partnership Subsidy Program (in Fall 2015)
2. Review and reorganize SCWG web content (by January 2016)
   a. While keeping the essential information at the COPPUL site like background information and membership, SCWG plans to publish meeting minutes and project updates at a new wiki where the members can directly upload and update content. Something similar to the COPPUL DPWG site at WordPress (https://coppuldpwg.wordpress.com/). There will be a link from the COPPUL site to SCWG's new wiki.
   b. Proposed and led by Robyn Hall
3. Update and publish a list of institutional repositories in Western Canada with current information about adoptive repositories and their terms of accepting deposits (by January 2016)

(*Work plan 2015-2016* continues)
4. Survey about copyright practices in Canadian institutional repositories (by Spring 2016)
    a. SCWG proposes to conduct a study of copyright practices in Canadian institutional repositories. The study will consist of a survey to be sent to Canadian IR coordinators asking how various copyright issues are handled including how publisher policies are managed and enforced when authors archive previously published works (green open access), and how creative commons options are communicated to IR depositors archiving unpublished works. The survey will be analyzed and findings summarized and made available online in an effort to share with IR managers and Library directors best practices and trends around IR work flows related to author rights and copyright clearance.
    b. Proposed and led by Patty Gallilee, Robert Tiessen, and Robyn Hall.
5. Compile questions/requests from researchers at COPPUL institutions re: the Tri-Agency Open Access policy and forward the information to CARL Open Access Working Group (by Spring 2016)
6. Coordinate with ACCOLEDS re: funders' data policies since Open Access policies on publications and datasets have crossover (ongoing)
7. Possible study about how research metrics/altmetrics are integrated in institutional repositories and scholarly communication services (to be further discussed in SCWG's October meeting)

Respectfully submitted,

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