

Hong Kong Open Access Committee

5 December 2007

Draft minutes of a meeting of the HK OA Committee held on Wednesday, 5 December 2007 at 11:00am in SWT803, Shaw Tower, Shaw Campus, HKBU.

Present: Prof. Tsoi Ah Chung (Chair)
Prof. John Bacon-Shone
Prof. Carmel McNaught
Dr. Anthony W. Ferguson
Mr. David Palmer (Secretary)

Apologies: Prof. T. C. Edwin Cheng

1. Welcome. Prof. Tsoi welcomed the group. He reviewed the reasons why he was particularly interested in this topic, his involvement in Australia's A\$10 billion dollar E-Research project, and others, and how they could improve the sharing of the research findings of Australia's researchers – these projects included components of OA & IR.
 - a. E-Research Coordination Committee.
http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/publications_resources/profiles/e_research_strat_imp_framework.htm
 - b. Data for Science [PMSEIC report].
http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/science_innovation/publications_resources/profiles/Presentation_Data_for_Science.htm
2. Data Archives. Prof. Tsoi and Prof. Bacon-Shone found they had similar interest in providing an archive in Hong Kong, for supplemental or background data used for research and publication.
3. Education Resources. Prof. McNaught expressed interest in the sharing and long term preservation of education resources. With the demise of Learnet in Hong Kong, this is a need left unfulfilled.
4. Background. Prof. Tsoi presented a powerpoint giving the background and developments of the worldwide OA movement (to be sent later). He described the HK conference in May 2007, and the Principles for OA & IR that were then produced.
5. UGC Knowledge Transfer Initiative. Because the UGC is now promoting "Knowledge Transfer", one strategy is to present OA as a means of Knowledge Transfer.
6. UGC/RGC Research Grants. Prof. Bacon-Shone observed that because the RGC earmarked a portion of the money given applicants for conferences, for the express purpose of "disseminating" research results, this logic could be applied also for UGC/RGC to provide money for funded research results to be published

in OA and OA hybrid journals.

7. Policy. There was consensus in the group that while such issues as implementation, and careful curation of data are important, the most important and difficult issue to address is an OA policy that would ensure the deposit of research results in an OA IR. Our group could put a proposal to UGC/RGC to make this OA & IR policy.
8. Publications. There was consensus to begin with only publications of research results, and to leave other formats or types of research results for later consideration.
9. Position Paper. Prof. McNaught offered to present the OA & IR case to the various committees at CUHK, including the Senate, the Senate Committee on Teaching & Learning, and the Research Committee. She asked that we produce a succinct position paper for this purpose.
10. Cost Benefit Analysis. The group concluded (Prof. Tsoi had to go to another meeting) that what was first needed was a HK'ized cost benefit analysis from the points of view of teachers, from university administrators, and RGC. That is, the benefits have to match what is important to them: the more citations the easier tenure is, the more citations the higher the ranking of each institution, the more citations the greater the value on the investment HK Government/UGC/RGC has made in research. Then, with this information, the committee will work on the following targets.

Target Group	Convince them to
Individual faculty members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publish in an OA journal, OR 2. Publish in a commercial or societal journal which provides an OA option (ie, "hybrid journal") – usually requiring the payment of a fee, OR 3. Send a request to the publisher, to allow deposit a copy of their article in an OA IR, immediately, or after an embargo period of, say, 6 months. <p>Note: any of these options would give faculty members the right to deposit their articles in their IR</p>
Administrators at each institution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To require their faculty members to do one of the above 2. To allow faculty members to use local research funds to pay OA publishing fees 3. To look upon publishing in OA journals favorably when making tenure decisions 4. To get the message to RGC that they should require those receiving public monies to do 1-3 options above
RGC administrators, Croucher Foundation, HK Jockey Club, HK Food & Health Bureau, etc.	Require those receiving public monies to deposit a copy of their articles in their institutional repository.