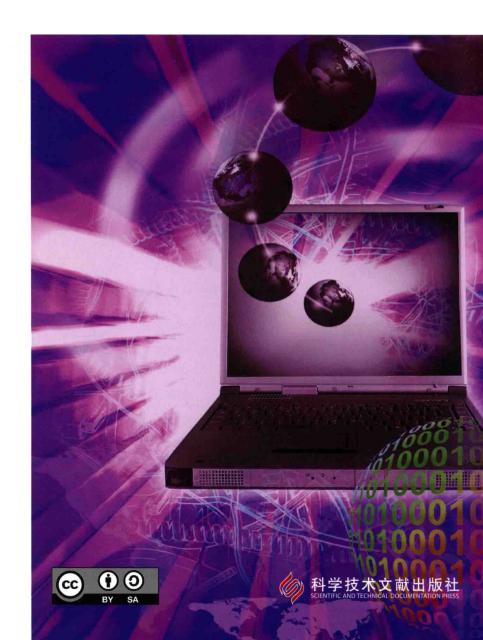
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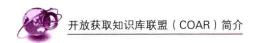
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# 前言

开放获取知识库联盟(Confederation of Open Access Repositories, COAR)是一个迅速成长的国际联盟,它成立于2009年10月并且联合了全球100多家机构,旨在构建一个连接全球开放获取知识库的知识基础设施,以扩大科学研究成果的可见度,促进科学研究成果的广泛应用。本书汇集最近几年来COAR发布的几份重要文件,在某种程度上,说明了全球机构知识库的发展态势和目标。

本书从国际知识库的发展现状入手,介绍和分析了开放知识数据库的发展和重要作用,以及面临的挑战和机遇。重点介绍 COAR 的概念、加入 COAR 能够获取的权益及如何成为 COAR 会员。列举近年来 COAR 为强化构建全球开放获取知识空间的目标所做出的实践和努力,包括提出路线、草案、准则、会议、合作等,归纳 COAR 近些年所取得的成果,结合具体战略目标分析介绍 COAR 未来几年的发展方向和工作计划。本书中结合实际解答了关于 COAR 的常见问题,包括 COAR 的活动及成为会员的相关问题等。全书中英文结合,



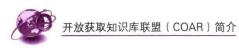
整体上帮助读者较为全面地认识 COAR 组织、功能、已有成果、发展方向等。

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## 1 Current State of Repositories

### 1.1 Executive Summary

This briefing paper presents an overview of the international repository landscape. The paper has been produced by COAR on behalf of the Aligning Repository Networks Committee, a group of senior representatives from repository networks around the world. While principally intended for the Global Research Council (GRC), the paper has also been written with a broader audience in mind.

Over the last 20 years, open access repositories have been implemented around the world and are now fairly widespread across all regions. Repositories provide open access (OA) tore search publications and other materials and enable the local management and preservation of research outputs. They are a key infrastructure component supporting the growing number of open access policies and laws, the majority of which recommend or require deposit of articles into an OA repository.

OA repositories are increasingly connected through thematic,

national and regional networks. In turn, these regional and national networks are further aligning their practices globally through the COAR Aligning Repository Networks Initiative, making their collections more valuable as it enables new services to be built on top of their aggregated contents. These services include tracking of research outputs for funders and research administrators, monitoring usage of publications, facilitating text and data mining, as well as peer review overlay services.

Crucially, repositories represent a distributed and participatory model in which institutions manage content locally, but contribute to the global knowledgebase through adoption of common, open standards. Distributed systems, such as a global network of repositories, have an inherent sustainability. They increase the resilience of infrastructure and foster social and institutional flexibility and innovation. They also enable the research community to regain some influence over the scholarly communication system.

With a growing number of funding agencies adopting open access and open science policies that rely on repository infrastructure for adherence, it is critical that the repository and funder communities forge closer ties and find mechanisms to engage in regular dialogue. In addition, given that there are different approaches across regions in terms of both policies and infrastructure, it is important that the diversity perspectives are considered as we collectively move forward. COAR, and its members and partners, welcome further discussion with the Global Research Council as we chart a course for a sustainable and dynamic future for scholarly communication.

### 1.2 Introduction

The trend towards greater openness is being driven by a growing recognition that our substantial global investments in research could have a much greater impact if they are widely shared and openly available to everyone. While this may not have been possible in the pre-internet world, the digital, networked environment has made this objective eminently achievable and within our grasp. Within this context, over the past 15 years open access repositories have become increasingly important components of the global research infrastructure.

Open access repositories play a variety of roles in the scholarly communication system, and these roles continue to expand and evolve. To date, their primary functions have been to provide visibility and open access to research outputs, with a focus on the journal literature, as well as to ensure archiving of this material over the long term. Much of the journal literature is currently only available through subscription and/or pay per view fees, creating a significant barrier to the widespread dissemination and use of this research knowledge. To improve the visibility and impact of their research, many funders have adopted policies that require open access to journal articles. Repositories are a key infrastructure component to support these policies. Indeed, the vast majority of open access policies and laws requiring or requesting authors to deposit articles into an open access repository.

Beyond providing access to research articles and other research outputs, open access repositories are developing other functionalities, especially as services are built on top of the network of repositories. These include providing funders and institutions with the ability to track funded research output across repositories; delivering usage data; hosting collections of academic journals; supporting text mining of content for new discoveries; and linking related content across the network. As open access expands to the broader concept of open science, including a wider range of content types, open access repositories will become indispensable for managing, tracking, and providing access to the full range of outputs produced through research.

The purpose of this briefing paper is to provide a concise and

up-to-date overview of the state of open access repositories around the world. The paper was prepared for the Global Research Council by the Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR) on behalf of the COAR Aligning Repositories Network Committee, a group of senior representatives from repository networks around the world.

### 1.3 Repository Demographics

Repositories began to appear on the scholarly landscape in the late 1990's, but their real growth in numbers has occurred over that last ten years, mainly because of the availability of open source repository platforms and the establishment of the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH), an interoperability protocol for exchanging information between repositories.

As of May 16, 2015, OpenDOAR, a service that monitors repositories, listed 2874 repositories worldwide. These repositories are distributed across the world, but are most predominant in Europe, Asia, and North America. This graph taken from OpenDOAR shows the current geographic distribution of repositories around the world.

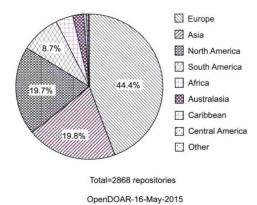


Fig. 1-1 OpenDOAR Graph of Repositories by Continent

The vast majority of repositories, just under 85%, are institutional repositories hosted and managed mainly by research institutions or universities, but there are also some very important and highly valued thematic repositories, including arXiv and PubMed Central, and journal repositories, including SciELO and Redalyc.

The repository landscape is quite diverse. Repositories vary greatly in their size service models, and the range of content types they collect. Most predominantly, repositories collect journal articles, e-theses and dissertations, and book chapters; but increasingly they are including research datasets, images and videos, and more.

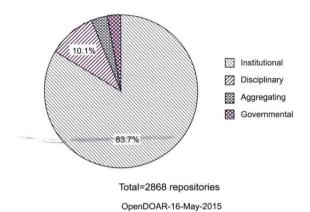


Fig. 1-2 OpenDOAR Graph of Open Access Repository Types

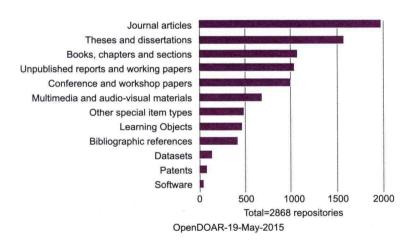


Fig. 1-3 OpenDOAR Graph of Most Frequent Content Types

It is difficult to assess the total volume of items in the repositories around the world, however, the BASE Search Engine, which aggregates records from (mainly) repositories around the world currently harvests over 72 million records from over 3000 sources, with approximately 17 million of them are records of journal articles.

Not all content in repositories is open access or full-text. A portion of the records in repositories either link out to published articles or have placed an embargo content on the full text item, usually because the publisher's policy requires this. The CORE (Connecting REpositories) search service, run by Knowledge Media institute at the Open University in the UK harvests only records which are attached to full-text articles has just over 24 million records in its central database, the majority of which are housed in repositories.

### 1.4 Regional Repository Networks

There is already significant repository infrastructure in many countries and regions of the world, which are connected through national and thematic networks. These networks have been created by governments in order to better track their research outputs,