Subversive Proposal
June 1994

The "Subversive Proposal" was an Internet posting by Stevan Harnad on June 2? 1994 (presented orally at the 1994 Network Services Conference in London on November 10 1994) calling on all authors of "esoteric" writings – written only for research impact, not for royalty income – to archive their papers for free access on the Internet, rather than self-publish. It attracted a variety of responses, many of which were collected and published as a book in 1995: Ann Shumelda Okerson & James J. O'Donnell (Eds.) Scholarly Journals at the Crossroads: A Subversive Proposal for Electronic Publishing.

This led to the creation in 1997 of Cogprints, an Open Access Archive for self-archived articles in the Cognitive Sciences and in 1998 to the creation of the American Scientist Open Access Forum to study closely the self-archiving practices that would later be called the Budapest Open Access Initiative which first coined the term "Open Access"). The GNU Eprints software for creating OAI-compliant Open Access Institutional Repositories also evolved out of the Subversive Proposal.

The "Subversive Proposal" was in many ways naive and had many flaws, corrected one by one along the way, and summarized in the American Scientist Open Access Forum on its 10th anniversary: "June 2? 2004: The 1994 Subversive Proposal, Ten Years On" A retrospective was also written by Richard Poynder: "Ten Years After" Information Today 2.(9) October 1 2004

JISC ELIB Open Journals Project
May 1995 – May 1998

A project that built on the concepts of open hypermedia (as exemplified by previous Microcosm and DLS projects) to create a framework for publishing that allowed journals on the Web to be interlinked and that would increase the readers' ability to follow, search and access the literature. The project developed open linking and citation linking framework, and led to the OpCit project.

JISC ELIB Cogprints Project
January 1996 – December 1997

An ELIB Phase 2 program to "Preprints and the grey literature" that was already conducted as analogue, self-archiving, distributed, peer-to-peer Open Access. The project director was Stevan Harnad, then from the Department of Psychology at the University of Southampton.

American Scientist Open Access Forum
September 1998

Forum devoted to the freeing of online access to the peer-reviewed research literature.

Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI)
December 2001

The Budapest Open Access Initiative arises from a small but lively meeting convened in Budapest by the Open Society Institute (OSI) on December 1-2, 2001. The purpose of that meeting was to accelerate progress in the international effort to make research articles in all academic fields freely available on the internet.

International meeting on National Policies on Open Access
February 2007

An invitation-only international meeting, joined by a major group of Pro-VCs and institutional digital information managers from Australia

Southampton Institutional Repository
August 2000

Developed by the TARDis project, the Institutional Repository was a novel departure from the mainly discipline-specific repositories of the pre-OAI world.

EPrints announced
October 1999

The first activity of the OpCit project was to fund Stevan Harnad and Les Carr to attend the UPS meeting in Santa Fe, subsequently renamed the Open Archiving Initiative (OAI). At the end of the two-day meeting that defined OAI-PMH, Stevan Harnad announced that Southampton would develop a turnkey system to help groups start up their own archives; this became EPrints.

NSF - JISC Open Citations Project
October 1999 – December 2002

The project, funded by the Joint NSF – JISC International Digital Libraries Research Programme, brought together Stevan Harnad (who had recently joined ECS) with Les Carr and Steve Hitchcock to investigate citation linking in the online literature.

Scale: to hyperlink each of the over 100,000 papers in Los Alamos Physics and Cogprints Archive to every other paper in the archive that it cites

Compatibility: to develop and integrate a family of generic linking tools and to design author and user interfaces to enable easy adoption by other archives

Universality: to promote the power of this remarkable new way of navigating the scientific journal literature and induce authors in other fields to create interlinked online archives like Los Alamos across disciplines and around the world

First EPrints repository goes live (eprints.ecs.soton.ac.uk)
January 2000

EPrints Software Released
June 2000

EPrints v1.0 released at the first official OAI workshop

Coggrints converts to EPrints
January 2001

Celestial OAI-PMH proxy harvesting service
January 2002

An output of the OpCit project, Celestial aims to offer a comprehensive and accurate cache of up-to-date records from known OAI repositories. If OAI service providers harvest from this service, the load on data providers will be reduced. An effective aggregator will improve the interoperability, scalability and reliability of OAI services.

Citebase
January 2002

Building on OpCit's bibliometric analysis work citation database, the Celestial service provides a citation-ranked view of the Open Access literature.

EPrints v2.0 released
February 2002

Registry of Open Access Repositories (ROAR)
January 2004

Created initially to track the growth of EPrints repositories, and quickly expanded to deal with repositories based on any software.

JISC ECrystals data repository
June 2004

Developed by the ESbark UK JISC project, Ecrystals is is the archive for Crystal Structures generated by the Southampton Chemical Crystallography Group and the PSIRC UK National Crystallography Service.

JISC Interoperable Repository Statistics
June 2005 – May 2007

A JISC project investigating and developing a joint approach to OAI statistics gathering and sharing.

JISC Repository for the Laboratory project
June 2005 – May 2007

A research project investigating and developing digital data and document repositories for laboratory-based science.

JISC PRESERV
October 2004 – September 2006

Adapt EPrints software to allow the collection and dissemination of preservation-oriented metadata to supplement the current bibliographic information.

Berlin 3 Open Access workshop
March 2006

Berlin 3 Open Access: Progress in Implementing the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities.

JISC RIPA (Institutional Repositories and Research Assessment) project
June 2005 – May 2006

Research Assessment is a complex activity involving decisions made by many parties (individual researchers, research managers, institutional administrators, external agencies and research councils). This project is developing software tools and methodologies to investigate technical solutions for integrating DSpace and EPrints repositories and repository workflows into RAE activities (both from institutional and national perspectives), and to advise repository managers on how to deploy these solutions in their local contexts.

Joint Southampton OA Recommendation to Parliamentary Select Committee
August 2004

OA Advantage Bibliography
September 2004

A key resource, emerging from the OpCit project, that catalogues the reported studies on the Open Access citation advantage effect.

Open Access Institutional Repositories: Leadership, Direction and Launch
January 2006

To prepare UK universities and research institutions fully for national OA developments, the University of Southampton is offering two free one-day workshops, the first a tutorial on the practical details of setting up and running an Open Access IR, the second a symposium on policy implementation and future developments, particularly in the UK.

JISC ESbark UK (phase 3)
February 2006 – January 2007

JISC ESbark UK (phase 2)
February 2005 – January 2006

NERC Serpent Repository
November 2005

JISC Repository Support Project
October 2006 – March 2009

Led by U Nottingham, the aim of RSP is to co-ordinate and deliver good practice and practical advice to English and Welsh HEIs to enable the implementation, management and development of digital institutional repositories.

JISC EdSpace
October 2007 – March 2009

To support sharing and collaboration in learning and teaching. EdSpace aims to change culture in the University of Southampton by facilitating all involved in education to share educational resources. Technically, this will be achieved by implementing social "Web 2.0" style tools for a repository based on EPrints. Culturally, this will be achieved by ensuring that staff and students fully discover how they will best benefit from such changes.

ESRC NCRM repository
November 2007

The ESRC National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) aims to improve the standards of research methods across the UK social sciences community. The NCRM EPrints repository is a single access point to all NCRM outputs: books, articles, working papers, reviews, reports, presentations etc.

Masters thesis repository
July 2007

Captures the dissertations and reports of Masters' students projects in Southampton. Not exposed off-campus.

JISC KULTUR
March 2007 – March 2009

Kultur is JISC-funded project which is creating a model of an institutional repository for use in the creative and applied arts.

While institutional repositories are proficient in managing text-based research such as articles, books, and theses, they are not yet attuned to the requirements of images and other media produced by the creative and applied arts. Kultur is by creating a flexible multimedia repository that will be able to showcase a wide range of outputs, from digital versions of painting, photography, film, graphic and textile design, to records of performances, shows and installations.

JISC MyExperiment
March 2007 – March 2009

The myExperiment Virtual Research Environment enables scientists to share digital items associated with their research — in particular it enables the sharing and execution of scientific workflows.

JISC VALREC
April 2007 – September 2008

Increase trust in the scholarly content of repositories by validating the author postprint versions of research articles that are found in repositories against the final published version available from the publishers' official web site

JISC PRESERV2
July 2007 – March 2009

Investigating and developing digital preservation services for repositories, to help repository managers plan for longer-term data management.

ECrystals Federation
November 2007 – January 2009

This project will establish a solid foundation of crystallography data repositories across an international group of partner sites, with metadata harvested by a number of aggregator services. The project is led by the UK National Crystallography Service (University of Southampton) and includes the Cambridge CCDC, University of Bath, the Digital Curation Centre (Universities of Bath & Edinburgh) and the Unilever Centre (University of Cambridge). This project currently has 14 supporting partners.

Institutional RAE delivered
December 2007

JISC ROAR + OpenDOAR Project
March 2008 – March 2009

Funding from JISC to jointly develop the ROAR service from Southampton and the OpenDOAR service from Nottingham.

Open Repositories Conference 2008
March 2008

Repositories play a pivotal role in the evolving scholarly information environment of open access research outputs and scholarly collections. With its theme of "Practice and Innovation", OR08 will create an opportunity for practitioners and researchers to share experiences and to explore the challenges of the new scholarly communication.

Institutional Full OA Mandate
January 2008

Etheses mandate
September 2008

JISC Kespit
April 2009 – September 2010

A JISC project to enable a diverse range of digital content presented by institutional repositories - research papers, science data, arts, teaching materials and theses - to be managed effectively today, tomorrow and beyond.

The project will build on the work begun in the Preserv and Preserv2 projects.

JISC Readiness 4 REF
April 2009 – March 2011

Investigate and implement how to streamline the REF data gathering exercise by building an interoperable institutional infrastructure, including repositories, that would capture and manage research outputs and other factors

ESRC CAHO project
June 2009

Repository for "Centre for Archaeology of Human Origins" journal

JISC EPDOC project
June 2009 – November 2009

This project enables the EPrints repository to support the submission of XML-formatted experimental data together with the manuscript to which they correspond, and interfaces with the Chemical Data Center. The base investigation for the work are to promote the conservation of experimental data and to link data to publications.

JISC dotAC
June 2009 – November 2009

develop a prototype demonstrator that synthesises research information from heterogeneous sources (institutional repositories and research council information systems), resolves name co-reference issues between the sources, and presents it to research-focussed end-users through an interface that will allow them to explore the state of the research landscape in UKOE.

JISC Institutional Data Management Blueprint
October 2009 – March 2011

Create a practical and attainable institutional framework for managing research data that facilitates ambitious national and international e-research practice

JISC Citation Services project
January 2010 – December 2010

This project (led by ECS) forms Strand 3 of the ongoing JISC Repository Infrastructure activity.

JISC Open Impact
January 2010 – October 2010

Collect evidence about the impact of research that has been undertaken in UK universities and to provide it to a range of stakeholders (government, funders, press etc) through an independent third party, agency (a learned society). The project focuses on a specific discipline (Computer Science) mediated through a particular society (the British Computer Society).

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Repository Activity at Southampton