

**COPPUL Scholarly Communication Task Group
Report September 8, 2011.**

Background At the COPPUL meeting in March, the Directors agreed to establish a task group on scholarly communication. Its initial charge is to determine whether there may be a role for COPPUL in this area, especially in relation to members collaborating on activities such as an open access day/week at member campuses and shared webcasts of speakers. Other issues such as authors' rights and licensing language may be considered as well. Issues around education and awareness, the development of a principles statement were also part of the group's discussion. **Membership**

The following members were invited to participate in the Task Group. Joy Kirchner was asked to chair.

Carol Shepstone (Mount Royal University) - COPPUL Director's Representative

Leah Vanderjagt (University of Alberta)

Joy Kirchner (University of British Columbia) - Chair

Andrew Waller (University of Calgary)

Marinus Swanepoel (University of Lethbridge)

Inba Kehoe (University of Victoria)

Michael Hohner (University of Winnipeg)

Activities to date:

Since our first meeting on June 15, 2011, the Task Group has established a regular meeting schedule, developed Terms of Reference to guide the Task Group's activities and has begun the work of addressing COPPUL's initial charge.

i. Terms of Reference:

Attached is a draft of the Task Group's Terms of Reference for COPPUL's consideration. The Task Group looks forward to hearing if the Terms are approved.

ii. Open Access Week:

As per the initial charge, the Task Group is working through collaborative opportunities for COPPUL Members to engage in Open Access Week 2011 activities. Given the short amount time available for planning this year's event, the Task Group agreed the most expedient approach for 2011 is to look for a speaker that COPPUL could support and take advantage of offerings COPPUL members may be already in engaged in. Details and budget request listed below. Post Open Access Week 2011, the Task Group agreed to develop a more formalized approach for supporting OA Week or other COPPUL scholarly communications educational opportunities for the Executive's review.

iii. 2011 Open Access Week Planning:

The Task Group has been looking for one or two COPPUL sponsored speakers that will be hosted at different COPPUL institutions and live webcast to others during the international 2011 Open Access Week (October 24-30, 2011) event. Preliminary selections may be Rowland Lorimer, scheduled to speak at Mount Royal, and OpenMedia representatives, scheduled to speak at UBC. Other speakers have been identified. A final decision will be made in the next two weeks. This event will also be archived for later viewing. To support this activity, the Task Group puts forward the following proposed budget for COPPUL's review:

Budget: \$5000.00

Anticipated cost break-down:

Flight: \$1000.00 - \$2000 (\$1000 per speaker)

Hotel @2 nights: \$500.00 - \$1000 (\$500.00 per speaker incl. taxes)

Meals: \$300.00

Transportation: \$150.00

Gift: \$50-\$100.00 (\$50 per speaker)

Speaker Fee (if applicable): \$500.00

Webcasting & archiving costs: \$3000 (\$1500.00 per event depending on site specific costs.)

Misc: \$200.00

The Task Group is also compiling a COPPUL guide of archived talks from previous Open Access Week events that COPPUL libraries have participated in. COPPUL libraries can choose to link to the talks as part of their own Open Access Week offerings.

Suggested Task Group Activities for Fall 2011-12:

Once the Terms of Reference have been approved, the Task Group recommends the following priorities for 2011-12:

- Develop a formalized approach for supporting future COPPUL OA Week events or other scholarly communications educational opportunities for the Executive's review.
- Investigate if other library consortia within Canada and internationally are supporting open access or other scholarly communications activities more generally and report on this.
- Explore the notion of preparing a position statement or COPPUL principles on open access and alternative models in scholarly publishing as some other library consortia have done for COPPUL's consideration. Approved principles could then be used to guide a future role for COPPUL in scholarly communications.

We look forward to hearing COPPUL Directors' input on these suggestions.

Regards,
COPPUL Scholarly Communication Task Group