

## **COPPUL Scholarly Communications Working Group (SCWG)**

<http://www.coppul.ca/jointprojects/SCWG.html>

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### **Background**

March 2013 marks the second year of operation for the COPPUL Scholarly Communication Working Group. This group was endorsed as a standing committee of COPPUL as of March 2012.

The Group would like to extend a special thanks to Joy Kirchner for her leadership in so ably chairing the SCWG through its pilot and first full year of operation. Joy Kirchner stepped down from the SCWG in July when she took a new position in the United States.

The group would also like to welcome new members Amanada Wakaruk (UofA), filling in for L Vanderjagt who is on leave, and Christina Winter (UofR), who is joining the group starting Sept 2013 filling out COPPUL representation from all COPPUL provinces.

The SCWG continued to meet monthly and has met 6 times since the last report. Listed below are our activities to date and our recommendations for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

### **Activities to date:**

Since our last report dated March 15, 2013 SCWG has engaged in the following activities:

- 1. Worked with ED to organize and host the ACRL scholarly communications road show event (UofA June 10, 2013)**

This event drew **x** number of participants from COPPUL institutions (and beyond) with diverse job responsibilities and expertise. Special thanks to UofA for providing facilities and hosting services for the event. The workshop received a generally positive response though opinion of content varied greatly depending on expertise of participants. The event did prove to be a successful launch event for the COPPUL Scholarly Communication Community of Practice, bringing together professionals around shared interests. It was also a successful profile-raising event for the SCWG. The SCWG listserv was created from this event and the WG is planning the creation of interest groups to engage the group in building capacity and sharing expertise, and acting as a think tank on issues. The WG proposes the following themes:

- Institutional Repositories
- Hosted journals and scholarly publishing
- Research data management
- Open data and open government
- Policies and mandates

Each interest group will be facilitated by a SCWG member to ensure engagement of the group and ongoing connection with the SCWG.

- 2. 2013 Open Access Week Planning:**

The SCWG issued its annual call for EOI applications for funding for Open Access 2013 events and at the submission of this report we have received three applications. The review committee, lead by Inba Kehoe will be reviewing applications shortly. Awards remain capped at \$1,000.00.

Information is being maintained on the COPPUL website:

<http://www.coppul.ca/jointprojects/SCWGguide.html>

### **Recommended Activities for 2013-14 (as previously presented) :**

#### **1. COPPUL Scholarly Communications Toolkit (*Status: ongoing*)**

The SCWG will continue to build upon the work of the *COPPUL Guide on Archived Scholarly Communications* and turn it into a Scholarly Communications toolkit of offerings for COPPUL Libraries. A mechanism for continued maintenance and currency of information for the resource will be part of the Task Group's objectives in the coming months. It is anticipated the COPPUL Scholarly Communications Workshop materials will be submitted into the toolkit.

#### **2. Community Engagement (COP) (*Status: ongoing, see proposed COP above*)**

Following the ACRL Scholarly Communications Workshop, SCWG will continue to develop an approach to sustain community engagement in scholarly communications amongst COPPUL libraries.

#### **3. Think Tank (*Status: ongoing, see proposed COP activities above*)**

SCWG will continue to evolve its processes in support of investigating solutions to scholarly communications issues that COPPUL Directors bring to SCWG for investigation.

#### **4. COPPUL Sponsorship for Scholarly Communications Presentations (*Status: underway for 2013 OA Week*)**

SCWG recommends continuation of COPPUL partial funding for up to two talks that will be live webcasted and archived for later viewing at COPPUL libraries during the 2013 Open Access Week events with some adjustments to the sponsorship framework. SCWG recommends that the criteria for the awarding of the \$2000.00 COPPUL award (for up to two COPPUL libraries), be adjusted to allow awarded libraries to use the \$1000.00 award to support any costs associated with bringing speakers to an event as long as receipts are included and that events are live-webcasted and archived for later viewing as per the award criteria. SCWG will also deliberate on how they can partner with other groups (i.e. BCRLG Lecture Series) to support scholarly communications lectures during other times of the year as a way of utilizing such events as a means to explore remote or in-person.

Regards,

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