

OPEN RESEARCH OPERATIONAL GROUP**Minutes for Wednesday 15th June 2022, 10:30 – 12:00****Via Teams**

Present: Niamh Tumelty (Chair), Laura Boxall (Secretary), Augustina Martinez-Garcia (AM), Beatrice Gini (BG) Steve Russell (SR), Liz Simmonds (LSi), Sacha Jones (SJ), Lucinda Spokes (LSp), Matthew Day (MD) (Cambridge University Press), Samuel Moore (SM), Matthias Ammon (MA), Meg Westbury (MW), Kate Livingstone (KL)

Apologies: Claire Sewell (CS), Owen Roberson (OR)

1. Declaration of interests

None

2. Minutes of previous meeting (16 March 2022)**OROG-23**

Minutes of the last meeting are approved

3. Matters arising

No matters arising from previous minutes.

4. Equality and Diversity

The group is reminded that it should bear in mind, and take into consideration, issues of equality, diversity and inclusivity wherever relevant when considering items of business on the agenda.

5. Rights Retention update

NT provided a verbal update.

254 researchers have signed up for the rights retention pilot so far, representing the vast majority of Schools. So far, 30+ articles have come through the system successfully. Two publishers are actively pushing back but this is being managed to enable an open dialogue. Otherwise, publishers seem to have responded well. The situation will continue to be monitored with developments fed back to the group.

6. Open Humanities Working Group**OROG-24**

NT thanked the group for their work on this paper.

There was confirmation that this paper intentionally did not include a digital humanities perspective to enable it to focus specifically on traditional humanities research. Work will follow which addresses specific digital humanities concerns.

The paper sets out the challenges facing open research in the humanities as well as the resources needed to address these challenges. The paper also reframed the LERU 8 pillars, instead creating 5 pillars which are more appropriate within humanities research.

The OROG group was very supportive of the work carried out by the working group, particularly in relation to the proposed CORE data principles. SJ suggested that the CARE principles could also be integrated given their relevance to certain humanities disciplines (link for more information: CARE Principles of Indigenous Data Governance — Global Indigenous Data Alliance [gida-

global.org]). The OROG group was keen to ensure practical, actionable steps are planned and taken to build on this enthusiasm. This will require an appropriate infrastructure to be implemented properly.

The paper went to the last ORSC in March and there are now conversations underway clarifying how to ensure humanities researchers are given adequate focus within the open research conversation. MA and SM are working on turning the paper into a blog post to communicate this more widely and it will also be added to Apollo.

Additional funding will allow more public engagement capacity to provide targeted support within AHSS/HSS in the next year. This should enable more joined up training, and the rewards and recognition (R&R) strategy work that LSi is carrying out should also ensure it includes an AHSS perspective. LSi will take this into consideration when planning the R&R working group to ensure the humanities are represented.

7. Open Qualitative Research Working Group update

MW provided a verbal update.

The group got off to a slow start due to strikes and other commitments, but they have now met three times to discuss how best to move the group forward, with the aim of producing a parallel paper to that of the OHWG by Michaelmas term.

MW has run a couple of focus groups with researchers from Social Anthropology, Education and Sociology to discuss specific issues and questions around open research in the humanities.

There is one more scheduled OQRWG meeting before the summer break and work will then start on collating the work into a paper.

The OROG group added that there is a need to find where the benefits are and how we can make open research work across disciplines, enabling us to lead on conversations and expand opportunities with an appropriate infrastructure to support it.

There would also be a need to link in with the work LSi is carrying out on rewards and recognition which tackles the diversity of recognising research excellence across disciplines.

MW was invited to attend OROG meetings as and when needed to link in with the group and ensure two-way engagement.

8. Cambridge Workshops on the Future of Scholarly Communication*

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Summary document included in papers for information.

9. Rewards and Recognition update

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LSi gave a short presentation to summarise current thinking and key issues.

To provide context, work on institutional research culture has moved forward, establishing a Steering Committee for Research Culture. Rhys Morgan (RM) and LSi have put together Terms of Reference for the group which is going through an approval process now.

With regards R&R specifically, the plan is to establish a working group to review the current landscape and propose this as a priority to the new Research Culture Steering Committee.

There was a high level of support from the OROG group for this work, with many members commenting on the diversity of progression pathways available which is largely based on level of funding and level of support from senior leaders within each department.

LSi, RM and NT will meet to discuss how the new Open Research Community can link with the Committee for Research Culture as well as how others can link in to ensure joined up thinking. As LSi and NT are both representatives on ORSC and the Research Culture Steering Committee, this should also enable two-way communication across groups.

KL highlighted that a consistent, findable platform will be needed in order to share information about R&R. KL would be happy to link up with LSi to provide this.

10. Open Research Conference 2022*

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The next meeting of the group is 22 June when discussions will start around the programme of possible sessions. There was a reiteration that the inclusion of humanities disciplines will be vital.

11. Draft minutes of the ORSC meeting (29 March 2022)

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12. 2022 Open Research Work Plan*

[2022 Work plan](#)

Action: Timing does not work out for KL's transforming research support project to be discussed at the September OROG meeting so LB to liaise with KL and OROG group to arrange a suitable meeting time to discuss this, sending a DoodlePoll to those interested in working with KL on the project.

13. Items to be referred to the Open Research Steering Committee

OROG minutes

Next Meeting:

14 September 2022, 10:30 – 12:00

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