

OPEN RESEARCH OPERATIONAL GROUP

Minutes for Wednesday 14th September 2022, 10:30 – 12:00
Via Teams

Present: Niamh Tumelty (Chair), Laura Boxall (Secretary), Augustina Martinez-Garcia (AM), Claire Sewell (CS), Beatrice Gini (BG) Steve Russell (SR), Liz Simmonds (LSi), Sacha Jones (SJ), Owen Robertson (OR), Rhys Morgan (RM), Lucinda Spokes (LSp), Matthew Day (MD) (Cambridge University Press), Samuel Moore (SM)

Apologies: Alexia Sutton (AS), Matthias Ammon (MA), Kate Livingstone (KL)

1. Declaration of interests

MD to excuse himself for Section 6.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (15 June 2022)

OROG-29

Minutes of the last meeting were approved by the group.

3. Matters arising

- Rights Retention: Next steps are to evaluate the pilot and start the process of developing an institutional policy. No major updates in terms of publisher responses from the last meeting but reports will be sent to committees soon.
- Open Research in Humanities: Blog posts were added to the Unlocking Research blog: [Open Research in the Humanities - Unlocking Research \(cam.ac.uk\)](https://www.cam.ac.uk/research/unlocking-research). OROG members were encouraged to help spread awareness of this work.
- Open Qualitative Research Working Group: MW has sent a first draft of her report to the working group for comment. It is expected that an updated draft will be ready for the December OROG meeting.
- Rewards and recognition: The Steering Committee for Research Culture have had an informal meeting and the group is currently in the planning stages whilst a chair is confirmed. LS will present an update on research culture to ORSC at the next meeting.

4. EDI reminder

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. Open Research Conference: Open Access: Where Next?

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There are a couple of speakers still to be confirmed. The emphasis for the event is on evaluating OA so far and what still needs to change. The organising group are keen for participants to have some 'next steps' to take away from the event to encourage further action.

Promotional materials are almost ready and will be sent to Hannah Haines by the end of Friday 16 Sept for checking. BG will share finalised comms materials with the group for distribution within their networks.

6. Springer negotiations

MD left the meeting.

A briefing paper is currently awaiting final approval before being distributed.

2 x Jisc focus groups have taken place so far with a variety of views being expressed. The working group have made it clear to Jisc that the option of walking away should be a viable option.

The Springer Negotiations WG is meeting every two weeks to discuss and plan aspects of the negotiations. Group members cover a range of specialisms: Alastair Flett (Chair and

member of JCS Exec), Jo Farrant (Member of the JCS team), Alexia (Open Access representative), Kat Davies (Scan and deliver/RapidILL), Niamh Malin (Data analyst), Sarah Crudge (Engagement/liaison lead and senior member of FDL), Bea Gini (Communication lead) and Laura Boxall (Administration and Project Management).

7. Draft minutes of the ORSC meeting 27 June 2022

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MD re-joined the meeting.

Attached for information. SR noted that follow-up will be required on the School-specific approaches to the guidance on responsible use of metrics. NT reported that the guidance has been discussed at the CUL Research Strategy Committee and that a workshop will be held to develop a better understanding of how research by library staff (particularly those recruited to research roles) is evaluated.

8. Open Research Work Plan*

[2022 Open Research Work Plan](#)

Rights Retention next steps will be the next priority.

SJ is carrying out some work on data service provision and has prepared a full paper which is currently in the process of being condensed and finalised. This paper will go to ORSC and RPC later this term.

Action: SJ to send paper to MD

There is a new institutional pot of money available to non-funded researchers to use to publish in gold OA journals. AS has written a blog post to explain this in detail: [A new institutional open access fund for the University of Cambridge - Unlocking Research](#)

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

None

Next Meeting:

7 December 2022, 10:30 – 12:00

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