COPPUL Scholarly Communications Working Group

http://www.coppul.ca/scholarlycommunications
Report for the March 2020 COPPUL Directors Meeting

Background: The COPPUL Scholarly Communications Working Group (SCWG) was endorsed as a standing committee of COPPUL in March 2012, and has been fully operating since September 2012.

Current members:

- Robyn Hall, MacEwan University (AB, Chair, 2017/05 2021/06)
- Elaine Fabbro, Athabasca University (AB, Director representative, 2015/10 2020/06)
- Sonya Betz, University of Alberta (AB, 2017/09 2021/06)
- Leonora Crema, University of British Columbia (BC, 2018/07 2020/06)
- Devina Dandar, Royal Roads University (BC, 2017/09 2021/06)
- Carmen Kazakoff Lane, Brandon University (MB 2016/10 2020/06)
- Kate Langrell, University of Saskatchewan (SK 2019/06-2021/06)
- Christina Winter, University of Regina (SK 2019/06-2021/06)

Activities Since the Last Report

Scholarly Communications SkillShare event: Building on the success of previous years, the SCWG is planning its third annual Scholarly Communications SkillShare event (formerly, *Regional Training Day*) on Wednesday, April 29-Thursday, April 30 at Royal Roads University in Victoria, BC. Serving to advance a community of practice among librarians and library staff interested in scholarly communications, this year's event includes an update from CRKN, sessions from members of the western Canadian academic community on copyright, faculty outreach strategies, open education, and much more.

The event is open to all staff working at COPPUL member institutions. Non-members may also register as of February 28 with registration closing April 3. The event is capped at 50 participants.

Details including the program and registration information have been posted at https://coppulscwg.ca/skillshare

Our thanks to Royal Roads University for hosting! If any institutions are interested in hosting this event in spring 2021, preferably in Manitoba, please get in touch with SCWG Chair Robyn Hall (hallr27@macewan.ca).

Issue Briefs: This year working group members are working on two issue briefs. One will address services supporting student journals and the other will look at copyright support for scholarly communications services. Each report will feature information on what is happening locally and elsewhere, as well as recommendations and considerations. Once complete, each will be posted to the SCWG website by the end of June 2020.

To view issue briefs completed last year on research metrics and open access mandates in Canada, visit https://coppulscwg.ca/resources

SCWG Blog: The SCWG members have continued to maintain a blog on their website (https://coppulscwg.ca), posting information of relevance to COPPUL members on scholarly communications topics. The website also includes copies of the group's monthly meeting minutes.

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