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Central issues (for 10+ years)

- What can be done to control the cost of journals and improve access to science information?

- Exactly what is open access? Is it free, immediate, and CC-BY? Who gets to decide this? Confusion = policy diversion.

- What is the future of peer review?

- We rely a lot on impact factors. Why?

- What factors are driving researchers to participate in the current publishing system (e.g., tenure, funders, etc.)?

- What is the future of institutional repositories?

- And more: Years of debate, which in recent years has been reaching a boiling point

The conversation

- Open *Science* Initiative started in the Fall of 2014 (an online conversation between thought leaders in scholarly publishing, moderated by nSCI)

- OSI working group published a white paper in Feb 2015 summarizing this conversation and calling for a 10 year-long series of high-level face-to-face meetings on the broader issue of scholarly publishing (not just science publishing). Online at bit.ly/1DJwRLT.
  - Effort was then renamed the Open Scholarship Initiative

Why meetings?

- No other recent private or government efforts that bring all stakeholders together (last one was in 2006)
- Lack of communication between stakeholders in scholarly publishing (even an adversarial relationship between some)
- Lack of common understanding on open access definitions, leadership and impacts
- Lack of coordinated action on open access (not only between stakeholder groups but within groups)

Goals

1. Foster more communication and broader understanding between key, high-level stakeholders in scholarly publishing

2. Encourage the development and deployment of common approaches and possibly new solutions over a realistic time period

3. Create a platform for the annual discussion and resolution of scholarly publishing issues amongst all key global stakeholders

4. Improve the current state of scholarly publishing (not just OA)

Meeting format

- Large, diverse, global group (225 delegates, 15 stakeholder groups, 15 countries) of high-level, invitation-only participants

- Delegates work together in diverse workgroups of 12-15 members each to address one question and then present their findings to the full group

- Focus on a single important theme each year, find common ground, come away with actionable solutions that can be implemented and evangelized
  - 2016 focus is to define the meaning and future of scholarly publishing

2016 workshop questions

- What is publishing?
- What is open?
- Who should decide the future of open access?
- Moral dimensions of open
- Usage dimensions of open
- Evolving open solutions
- Open impacts

- Why do researchers participate in the current system?
- Information underload
- Information overload
- Preservation
- Peer review
- Embargos
- Impact factors

Delegate counts (targets)

STAKEHOLDER CATEGORY	NO. NEEDED
Public and private research universities	55
Public and private research institutions (non-university)	30
Scholarly publishers	30
Funding reps	15
Scholarly librarians and groups	10
Academic/research societies	10
Broad faculty groups	10
Open knowledge advocates	10
Publishing industry groups and analysts	10
Science journalists	5
Science communication reps	5
Congressional oversight reps	5
Education reps	5
Government policy reps	5
At large	15
TOTAL	220

Sustainability

- Provide mechanisms for sharing outcomes and spreading the word
- Follow up throughout the year and at the next conference on areas needing refinement and improvement
- To be owned and supported by all stakeholders
- For now, coordinated by nSCI, backed by UNESCO, and GMU-hosted in 2016
- Operated from one year to the next by different universities (with nSCI remaining as a common thread)

Thank you!

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