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OpenLOCKSS Mid-Term Project Report

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This is the mid—term project report for the University of Glasgow's OpenLOCKSS project. It provides an overview of the project's deliverables to date.

Introduction

The OpenLOCKSS Project runs from 1 March to 31 July 2007. Parent LOCKSS pilot funding is till 28 February 2008. The initial project meeting was held on the 1st of March.

Deliverables

The project deliverables to date are:

- Contacts made with 24 Open Access journals by e-mail and telephone
- Interest, support and participation from 8 open access journals with an additional 2 provisional titles
- Introductory material available for these publishers
- Website set-up including expanded FAQ and contact details (<http://www.lib.gla.ac.uk/research/openlockss/>)
- The projects aims and background disseminated via mailing lists
- Creation of a manifest page template which has been sent out to interested publishers (and made available on the OpenLOCKSS website)
- The journal Museum & Society has uploaded a manifest page to their site

Workplan Updates – Months 1-3

Since the duration of the project is very short, at 5 months, the project team met, at least initially on a weekly basis to ensure that the projects deliverables can be met. Adam Rusbridge, from the LOCKSS Pilot project, also joined us for these meetings.

The key workplan activities from the Project Proposal are listed here with an indication of the progress to date:

Decide on twelve journals to contact initially – Month 1

The initial meetings reviewed the results from the Open Access survey and from the 17 titles which got 5 votes we identified 13 titles to approach. These are appended.

Compile introductory material with which to approach journal – Month 1

This was completed and the introductory material was e-mailed to the journals as a PDF file and made available on the project website.

Contact twelve journals, initially by email, with introductory material and programme objectives – Month 1

This first thirteen journals were contacted by e-mail with follow-up phone calls. They also received copies of relevant introductory material, compiled by team members, and were referred to the project website.

Chase up contacts as required – Month 1½

This was done via telephone and e-mail, the response rates was not as high as we had anticipated.

From the 13 initial titles, we have responses back from 6 of them, 3 do not want to participate, 2 have agreed provisionally and 1 is in consultation. We are still pursuing the seven titles where responses have not yet been received.

Select and approach ‘reserve’ journals as required – Month 2/3

An additional list of “Reserve titles” were identified, mostly those with 4 ‘votes’ (list appended), and these were then contacted by e-mail and telephone. Response and interest in this second list of titles has been quicker and much more positive.

In the Reserve Titles, 11 were contacted, we are still waiting on answers from 3 but the 8 who have replied have all said yes and have been sent a manifest page template.

Liaise with journals, providing more information where required – Month 2/3/4

This is ongoing. Adam Rusbridge has developed a manifest page template for the interested titles and these have been sent to the ones who have indicated they want to participate.

Negotiate for agreement with journal to participate – Month 2/3/4

This will be ongoing until the end of the project.

Obtain agreement from publisher that LOCKSS software can crawl for data –Month 3/4/5

This will be ongoing until the end of the project.

Write plug-ins as necessary – Month 3/4/

This will be ongoing until the end of the project.

Arrange with other JISC LOCKSS Pilot Project participants who will host content for each journal – Month 4/5

This will be a key activity in the next period of the project.

Write project report – Month 5

This will be completed at the end of the project

Project Budget

With the receipt of Grant letter, the projects budget centre has been created and salary recoups have been put in place for team members.

Dissemination

Meetings and Events

Tony Kidd attended the “Digital Preservation Coalition E-Journal Archiving and Preservation Workshop” on 27 March. Vicky Reich, LOCKSS, was also present and publicised the project during her presentation.

Project Website and Mailing Lists

The Project announcement (including website details) was sent out to the UK Pilot participants and the SPARC Open Access mailing list.

The website was set-up (<http://http://www.lib.gla.ac.uk/research/openlockss>) and includes the project proposal, contact details and information for publishers/editors including a sample manifest page template. LOCKSS have added a link to the OpenLOCKSS Project.

Peter Suber has alluded to the Project on his Open Access News blog (<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/fosblog.html>), dated 4 April 2007.

Risk Management

A key risk for the project was the lack of take-up from titles. This has been addressed with follow-up e-mails, telephone contacts and the use of a reserve list of titles. The editors for the reserve list have proved more responsive than the initial list, with quite positive replies from Psycology (Stevan Harnad), Museum & Society, Information Research, and Journal(s) of Language & Linguistics/Learning/Literature. Manifest page templates have now been sent to those journals which have indicated an interest in participating.

International Interest

The project has been approached by Libertas Academica, an open access publisher (biomedical titles) from New Zealand, made aware of the OpenLOCKSS Project via the Peter Suber blog.

Edinburgh Proposal for LOCKSS and Institutional Repositories in Scotland

Tony Kidd and William Nixon reported on their meeting with John MacColl from Edinburgh University on his suggested Scottish LOCKSS project, concerning the use of LOCKSS methodology for preserving multiple copies of reports, theses and other material held at Scottish universities and in their repositories. John MacColl will draft an initial proposal for consideration by SCURL.

This proposal may well be of interest to JISC in its wider discussions and investigations on trusted digital repositories within the UK and internationally.

Summary

At the mid-point of the project we have 10 open access publishers interested and are continuing to follow-up the other titles. The engagement with these interested parties will now move on to the set-up of manifest pages and the development of plug-ins.

Legal issues surrounding LOCKSS for Open Access publishers and arrangements with the Pilot Participants to host content will be key activities for the next phase of the project.

Appendix: Titles

Initial list of titles

Population Trends - declined
Health Statistics Quarterly - declined
Ariadne – provisional interest
Journal of Information, Law & Technology
Reviews in History – provisional agreement
Web Journal of Current Legal Issues
Chemistry Education: Research and Practice
International Journal of Communications Law & Policy
Law, Social Justice & Global Development
Peace, Conflict & Development
D-Lib Magazine - declined
Popular Musicology Online
Renaissance Forum

“Reserve” Titles

Discourse Analysis Online
Forced Migration Review – provisional agreement
Information Research – provisional agreement
Journal of Hospitality, Leisure, Sports & Tourism Education
Journal of Language & Linguistics – provisional agreement
Journal of Language & Learning – provisional agreement
Journal of Language & Literature – provisional agreement
Museum & Society – agreement
Psycology – provisional agreement
Journal of eLiteracy – provisional agreement
RLG DigiNews

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