



enhances the visibility of
research outputs

paves the way for
interoperability

fosters knowledge exchange
of repository issues

makes Open Access
operational

adds value to your repository

We invite you to join COAR

Joining COAR now will enable you to contribute to further shaping the organization's objectives of interoperability, raising awareness and promoting Open Access (OA) repositories, supporting the repository community and working with partners in related fields such as research management and publishing.

What you will find in COAR

- Lobby for repositories, their networks and repository based e-Infrastructures at the national and international level
- Coordinate global collaborative efforts towards high-quality OA content and interoperable systems
- Develop strategic partnerships for research infrastructure related initiatives worldwide
- Promote a joint global data store of OA repositories to enable and support the open re-use of data by service and portal providers
- Act as a reference point for repository standardization efforts and a forum for information exchange
- Develop and support of interoperable standards for national aggregation of research content in OA repositories
- Promote increased rates of self-archiving with as little burden as possible on the researcher
- Advocate for consistent policy formulation on institutional repository development
- Promote the repository manager profession
- Support the implementation of OA mandates by research funders and institutions
- Maintain, develop and expand the COAR international confederation, including regional and subject-based networks of OA repositories

"We are delighted to announce our membership in COAR. COAR membership offers CARL and Canadian research libraries the opportunity to have a greater influence on the direction and expansion of open access world-wide"

- Tom Hickerson

Chair of the CARL Institutional Repositories Working Group
and Vice-President/President-Elect of CARL

"I have no doubt that this collaborative structure will lead to the successful sharing of research worldwide in the best form possible, harvesting national efforts all over the world, including Japan, and from the bottom of my heart I congratulate COAR on its launch."

- Hemmi Masaaki

Director of Digital Repository Federation
Vice-President of Hokkaido University

"JISC has this week become a founding member of the Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR), joining those representing the UK. The aim of COAR is to 'enhance and progress the provision, visibility and application of research outputs through global networks of Open Access repositories,' which also fits with JISC's work to show the benefit to researchers of using repositories"

- JISC, UK

