

U.S. Repository Network: A Progress Report

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Agenda

- Context
- Community engagement
 - Expert Group
 - Community Calls
 - Public Comment Period
- Strategic vision
- Next steps

Context

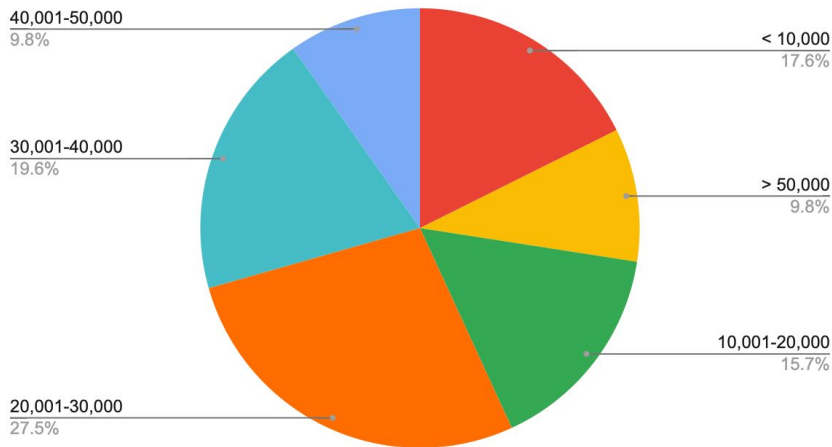
Community engagement

Expert Group

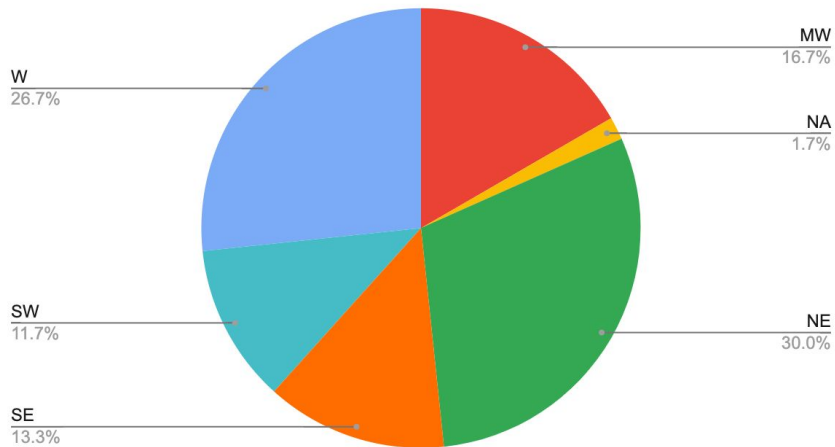
- U.S. COAR Members & SPARC Steering Committee
- Library leaders and repository managers
- Consortial leaders

Expert Group Institutional Demographics

Enrollment at Participating Institutions



Regional Distribution of Participating Institutions



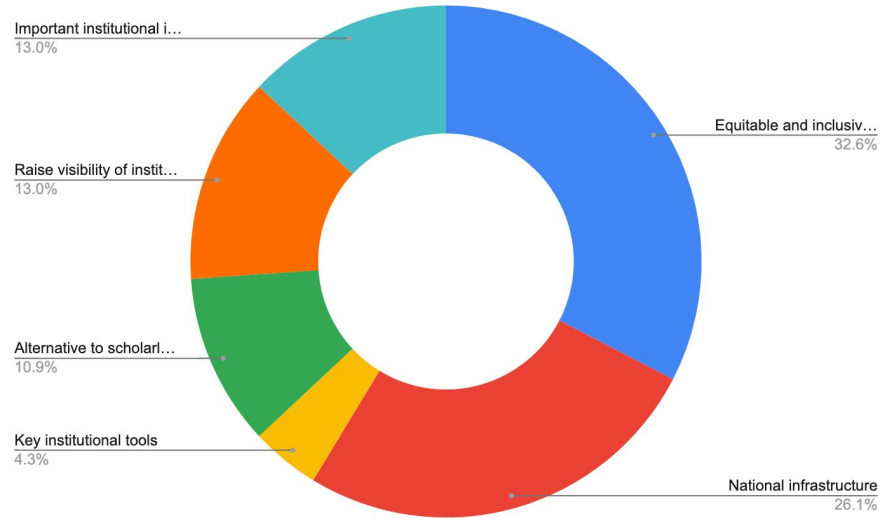
What is your vision for the role of repositories in 5 years?

1. Repositories ensure a more **equitable and inclusive landscape** by facilitating the open access needs of all researchers.
2. Repositories are essential components of the **national research infrastructure** system, offering seamless, open access to a range of research outputs across the repository network (for TDM, AI, etc.).
3. Repositories function as **key institutional tools** for tracking research outputs and supporting institutional and national research assessment activities.
4. Repositories provide an **alternative to scholarly publishing**, by connecting peer review and endorsement services (e.g. overlay journals) with repository content.
5. Repositories **raise the visibility of institutional research** outputs.

Expert Group Activities

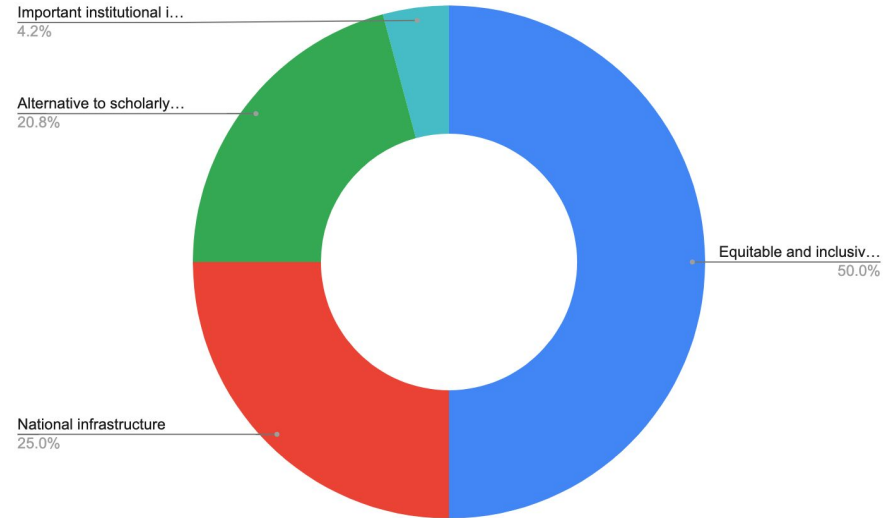
- Small Group Ideation Sessions
 - What are the distinguishing features of a repository network?
 - Reviewing & prioritizing suggested vision elements
 - Prioritizing activities
 - Excite, neutral, pause

Which proposed vision element is most important to you?



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COAR Confederation of Open Access Repositories



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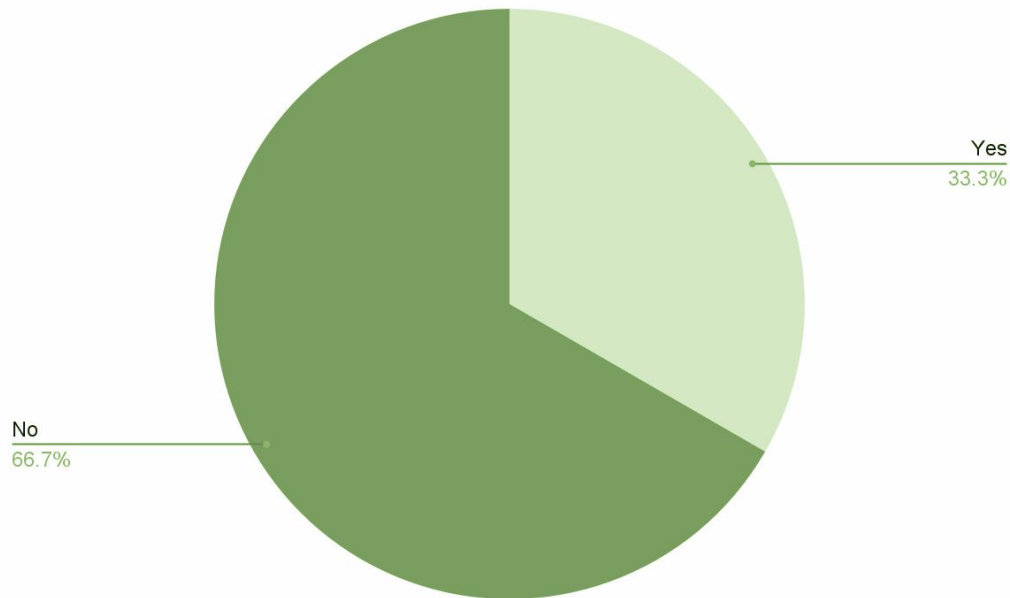
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Community Call Themes

- Inadequate staffing and/or technical expertise
- Education and outreach to faculty authors
- Need to improve discoverability of repository content
- Lack of administrative support and/or interest in the IR

Expert Group Comment Period

21 of 63
submitted
comments



Public Comment Period

Accepted comments via

- COAR CommentPress platform
- Google form
- Live consultation sessions

Strategic vision

Strategic Vision for U.S. Repositories

An interoperable network of repositories is an essential component of our national research infrastructure, offering seamless and open access to research. By working together, U.S. repositories will also play a crucial role in the collective effort to transform global research communication into a more open and equitable system.

Foundational Characteristics

- Accessible
- Collaborative
- Community governed
- Discoverable
- Equitable & inclusive
- Interoperable
- Local and Global
- Preservation
- Sustainable
- User-centered design

Next Steps

Processing feedback & Finalizing vision

- How do we scope the network?
- How do we manage differing priorities?
- How do we make the vision reflect staffing and resources in addition to technology?
- How do we situate the U.S. Repository Network in the broader landscape?

Action Planning

How do we achieve the strategic vision?

Who will participate?

How will this work be sustained?

Questions?

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