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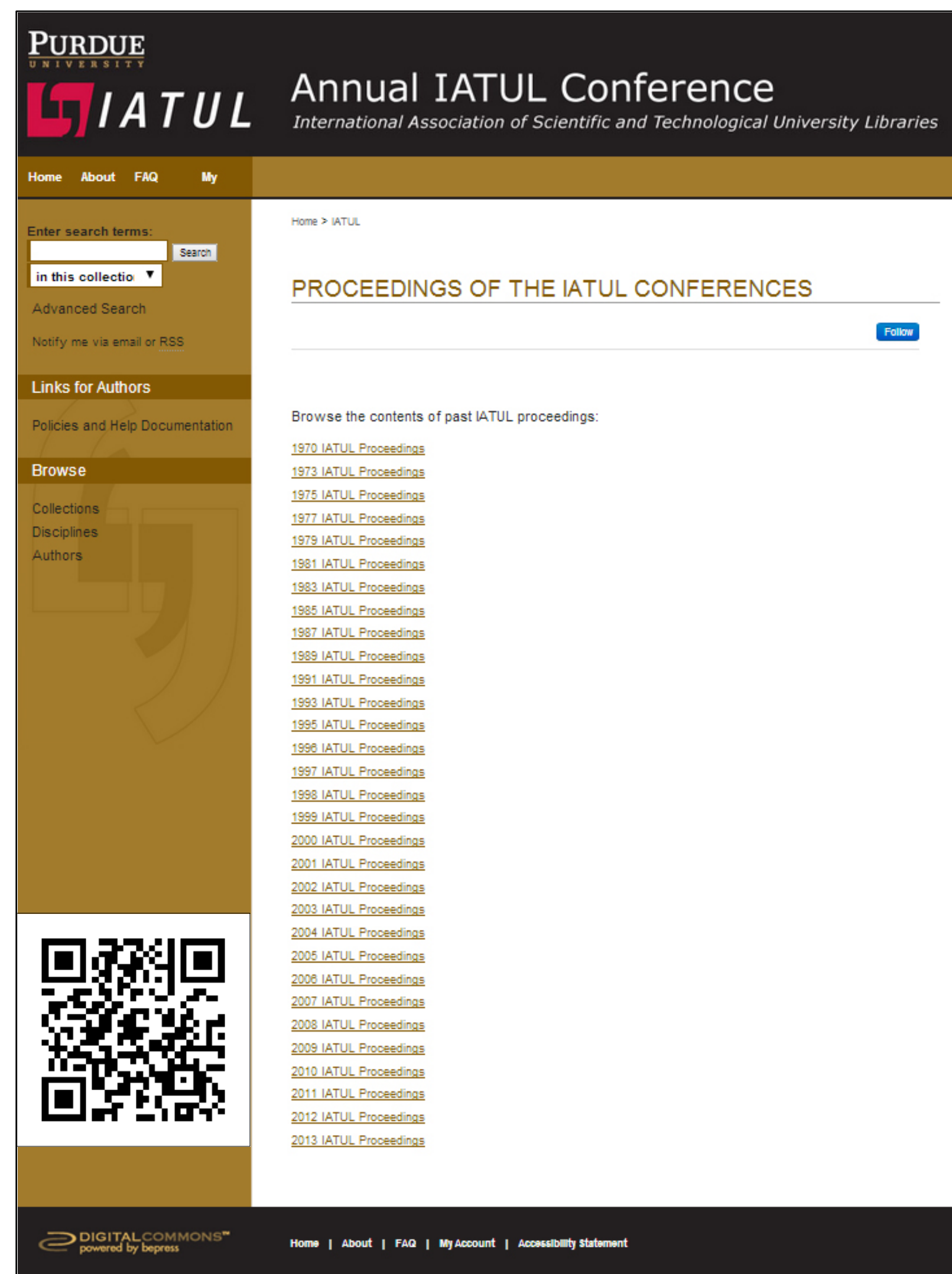
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INTRODUCTION

The necessity of providing free global online access to emerging international responses relevant to librarianship in international technological universities has been a focus of the Library and Information Science community. The International Association of Scientific and Technological University Libraries (IATUL) describes itself as an international organization that “provides an international forum for the exchange of ideas relevant to librarianship by technological universities throughout the world. It also provides library directors and senior managers an opportunity to develop a collaborative approach to solving common problems.” This poster and electronic display presents the history, current state, and future possibilities of the relationship of the IATUL conference proceedings and the Purdue e-Pubs Repository, reconceived as a publishing platform.

BACKGROUND

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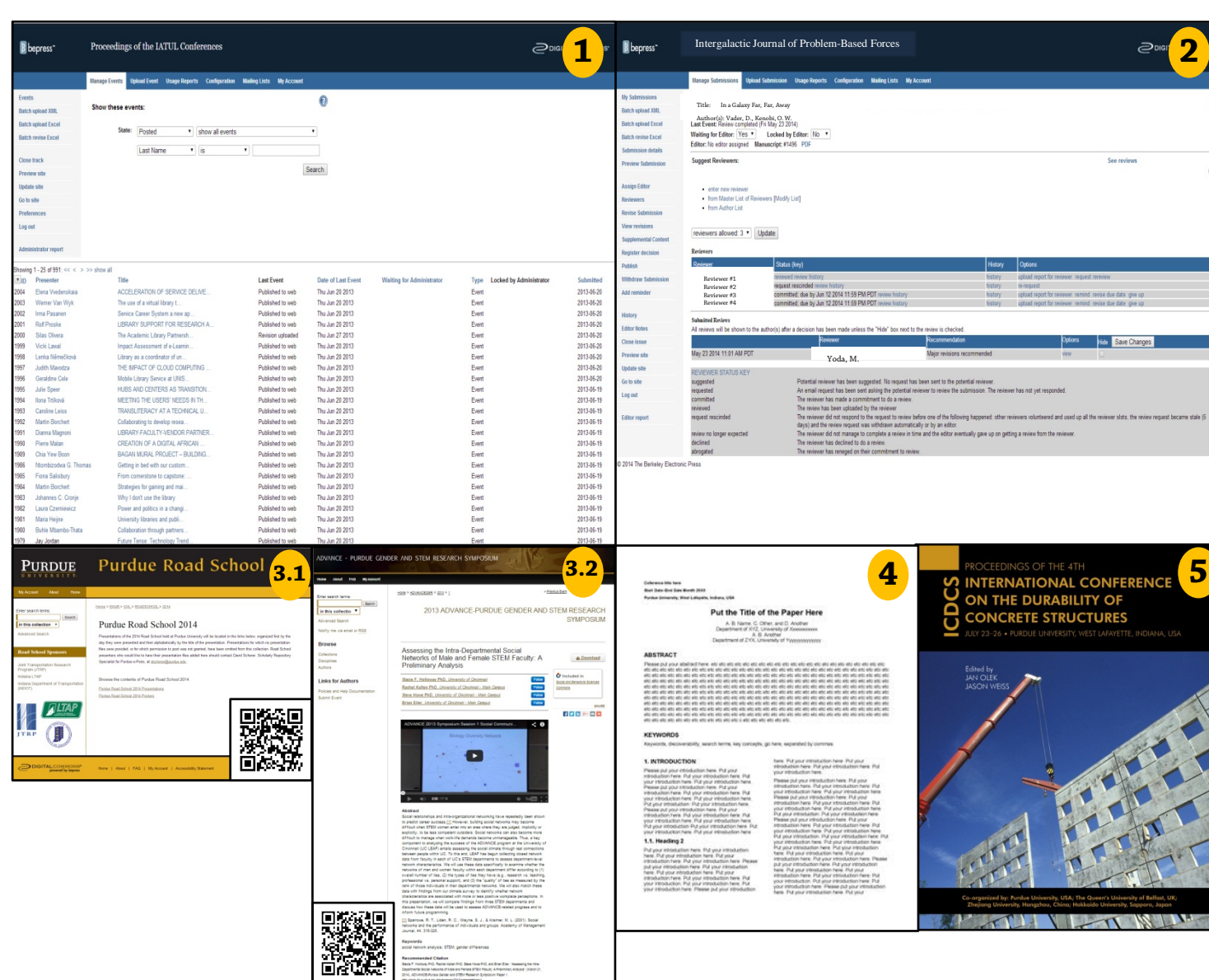
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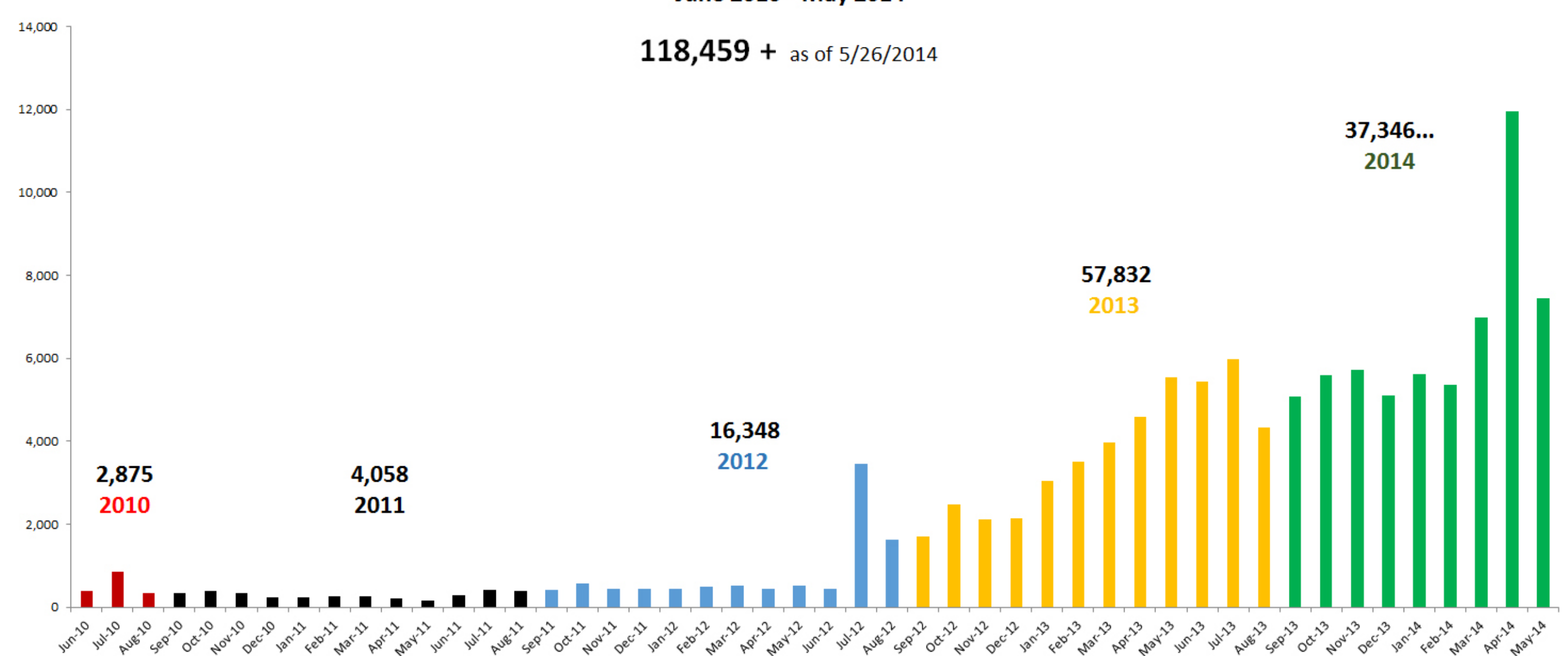
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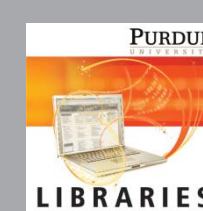
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