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Overview of the Electronic Resources & Libraries Round Table

Discussions 17 March 2014, Austin, TX

At the 2014 Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference, Graham & I introduced the concept of OAWAL to an audience of around 100 people and described the need we saw for a place to describe the various areas of open access management that librarians and information professionals are now engaged in at their respected institutions. We spent time at this event going through each section and seeing if there was specific feedback to be given on each topic. Suggestions were made around the following areas:

- the mandates/policies section of advocacy in regards to the NIH policy in the US & deposit into PubMed
- the need to include a section on advocacy for financial models currently being utilized
- metadata needed for tracking access and funding of article processing charges within workflows
- whether this information could be supplied from other standards/workflow being developed by KBART & GoKB,
- it was noted that the CrossMark indicator is embedded on PDF versions and that this should be made clearer in the description of CrossMark
- that work was underway to address the deduplication of ORCIDs that researchers may be inadvertently creating

- that there should be a clearer mention of Portico & LOCKSS in the preservation of content
- the hopes that OAWAL could indicate the current growth rates of open access publication.

All in all, this was a very successful in-person meeting and it is hoped that at future library and information science events, the conversation can be carried further.