OAI3 - CERN Institutional Repositories and Practical Advocacy

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SHERPA -

- ∆ Securing a Hybrid Environment for Research Preservation and Access
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- △ duration: 3 years, November 2002 November 2005





SHERPA

△ development partner institutions

Nottingham (lead), Leeds, Sheffield, York, Edinburgh,
 Glasgow, Oxford, British Library and AHDS

∆ associate partner institutions

 Birkbeck College, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Imperial College, Kings College, Newcastle, Royal Holloway, School of Oriental and African Studies, University College London



Institutional Repositories

- △ e-Prints as research outputs
- △ hold multiple subjects
- △ part of institutional information service
- △ long-term existence
- △ ... implications of these choices for advocacy



Implications and issues

- ∆ research cultures vary across subject-disciplines
- ∆ integrated into institutional information service
- ∆ repositories have a public face and responsibilities
- △ long term preservation commitments



Differentiate stakeholders

- ∆ three internal constituencies
 - academics, administrators, librarians
- △ four external constituencies
 - funding agencies, publishers, media, public



Academics

∆ as producers

- disseminate material
- get recognition

Δ as consumers

- find material
- get ready access

∆ as individuals

- they do not want more work
- things work ok
- ∆ involves cultural change . . .



Administrators

∆ inward management

- practical issues of information service
- ownership of IPR
- exposing and recording activities

∆ outward presentation

- who represents research?
- legal liabilities
- new possibilities as a public face



Librarians & information professionals

- ∆ concerns of curation
 - long-term preservation, long-term commitment
- ∆ additional work!
 - creating, populating, advocating repositories
- ∆ impact on serials
 - prices, changes



External constituencies

- ∆ funding agencies
- ∆ publishers
- △ public consumers



Academics and cultural change

- Δ things seem ok . . .
- ∆ affects working habits and reward structures
- △ centrally-driven initiatives vs. local developments
- △ monoscopic analysis is not enough . . .
- ∆ when to push and when to stop
- ∆ what makes cultural change?



Choices and possible paths

- ∆ academic-archiving vs. mediation
- ∆ back-catalogue vs. future output
- ∆ academic's web-page
- ∆ departmental web-page
- Δ ... the emergent repository



SHERPA - progress

- △ repositories set up in each partner institution
- ∆ test papers being added
- ∆ negotiations with publishers
- ∆ discussions on preservation of eprints
- △ work on IPR and deposit licences
- △ advocacy campaigns starting
- ∆ sharing experiences and formulating strategies



Summary

- ∆ identify stakeholders
- ∆ identify their needs and viewpoints
- ∆ differentiate potentials, goals, returns
- ∆ differentiate change
 - upgrading, process and cultural
- ∆ support needs, appeal to aspirations









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Process of adoption

- ∆ Awareness
- △ Action
- ∆ Engagement
- ∆ Integration
- ∆ Sustenance and development



why "institutional"?

△ institutions have centralised resources:

- to subsidise repository start up
- to support repositories with technical / organisational infrastructures
- to deal effectively with preservation issues over the long term

△ institutions get benefits:

- raising profile and prestige of institution
- managing institutional information assets
- encourages an institutional identity in intellectual output

