

VERSIONS Project informal update for March 2006

Please find below the VERSIONS Project informal update for March 2006.

Preparation of draft questionnaire

The VERSIONS questionnaire was circulated in first draft form. The questionnaire is seeking to identify current attitudes and practice with regard to open access digital repositories and versioning. The questions have been derived from researcher comments noted during the recent VERSIONS interviews.

The questions have been drafted and reviewed in light of a CILIP course on 'Creating effective questionnaires and surveys' attended during January. They are currently with the NEREUS partners awaiting comment. In addition, the VERSIONS survey template has been prepared in the Bristol Online Survey software, which will be used to conduct the questionnaire.

Scenarios added to VERSIONS website

The first batch of scenarios have now been added to the [VERSIONS](#) website, along with a short explanation of their purpose. Links to the VERSIONS site have been added to the [JISC Digital Repositories Programme Wiki](#), which contains scenarios from a number of other DRP projects.

Several additional scenarios have been drafted and will be available to view shortly.

Publications list analysis

This investigation, looking into the availability of open access full text research output for a group of European economists, is nearing completion. We now have a full set of data on open access full text availability for Université Libre de Bruxelles, LSE, Tilburg University, Erasmus University Rotterdam, and Kiel Institute for World Economics. Work on the list for Maastricht University will take place after Easter and this will complete the set.

Involvement with other relevant projects

Frances Shipsey completed her participation in the RIVER study (a Scoping Study on Version Identification commissioned by the JISC Scholarly Communications Group) during March by contributing to the report. The final report was submitted to the JISC at the end of the month.

The 2nd JISC Digital Repositories Meeting was held in Warwick on 27-28 March and VERSIONS was represented. The meeting programme page is at http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/repositories/digirep/index/Programme_meeting_2006-03-27.

We heard that the NISO/ALPSP Working Group on Versions of Journal Articles has now issued draft terms and definitions and use cases for review by its Review Group - see draft documents at http://www.niso.org/committees/Journal_versioning/JournalVer_comm.html. LSE's Kate Sloss is a member of the NISO/ALPSP Review Group and will be responding during April.

Dissemination activity

28 March 2006 - Frances Shipsey - [5 minute presentation to Legal and Policy Issues Cluster Session](#), JISC 2nd Digital Repositories Programme Meeting, Warwick

29 March 2006 - Frances Shipsey - [presentation to SHERPA-LEAP SHERPA Liaison Meeting](#), University College London