

Subcommittee on Digital Infrastructure and Services

Update to CONUL - December 2013

What will be covered

- Purpose
- Work in 2013
- Plans
- Issues

Subcommittee Origin

- “Digitisation” Group formed following 2012 mini-Colloquium and the Report of the CONUL Task & Finish Group on Digital Content Services.
- Initially met in May 2013 and agreed that “Digital Infrastructure and Services” was more reflective of work of the Group.

Terms of Reference

- Identify and develop major issues and strategic priorities
- Identify and develop opportunities for cooperation and collaboration among CONUL libraries
- Identify and develop key relationships outside of CONUL
- To continue to identify affinities to or overlap with other CONUL groups' areas of enquiry
- To continue to identify an appropriate structure for CONUL to address the topic in the longer term
- To identify and track work already underway, existing infrastructures and digitisation resources, pertinent expertise, policies, etc., as well as additional relevant issues
- To consider a range of issues relevant to Open Access, including needs, benefits, costs, future directions, potential for further development of value-added services, etc.

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Work to Date

- Lightning Talks
- Documentation/ Website
- Surveys
 - Digital equipment and expertise
 - Repository services

Survey: Digital Equipment and Expertise

- All 13 CONUL Member Institutions surveyed.
- The survey deals broadly with digitisation and more specifically with the equipment, infrastructure and staffing that contribute towards the creation of digital surrogates.
- Results indicate a broad community of practice.

Subcommittee: 2014 and Beyond

- Report informed by surveys, spring 2014
- Forum/ Conference
- Knowledge-sharing Event

Issues Identified

- Training
- Open Access
- Services

Cross-over with Other Groups

- ANLTC (Staff Training)
- Collections, Preservation and Conservation
- Research Support