Marah Notes about the State of Open Data 2023

1. A survey with approximately 55 questions was conducted, focusing on individuals who had conducted research within the past five years.

2. Key Points:

- a. Support is crucial for making data open, understanding copyright issues, and obtaining permission from funders to publish data.
- b. Awareness of data management is lacking, and there's a need to allocate time for management.
- c. Despite knowledge, the use of AI tools for data collection is low.
- d. Researchers express concerns about obstacles in data storage locations.
- e. Data sharing is essential for research transparency.
- f. Concerns include data misuse, the need for permission from private companies and hospitals, and local legislation affecting data release in countries like Canada and China.
- g. Citation of research papers is a motivating factor for data dissemination.

3. Interesting Findings:

- a. Ethiopia, India, Germany, and the United Kingdom show strong support for open data, while Japan has the lowest support.
- b. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is the largest funder of Ethiopian publications with a strong open data policy.
- c. Subject-based outreach and education are essential for promoting open practices.
- d. "A saying asserts that acceptance of new scientific facts often occurs when a new generation familiar with them replaces opponents."
- e. Increased data sharing enhances confidence in research papers.
- f. Support and awareness are crucial to address researchers' concerns about data publication.
- g. The trend is to make Data Management Plans (DMP) mandatory in the future, tailored to each domain.
- h. Focus on working towards the positive impact of AI on open science.

4. Additional Notes:

- a. Page number 13 is not well understood.
- b. The cost of publication needs further explanation.

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