Open Scholarship: Authority, Community and Sustainability in the Age of Web 2.0

Feedback on the ELPUB 2008 Conference, attended by Elsabé Olivier in Toronto, Canada 25 – 28 June 2008





ELPUB's past & future

- United Kingdom (in 1997 and 2001), Hungary (1998), Sweden (1999), Russia (2000), the Czech Republic (2002), Portugal (2003), Brazil (2004), Belgium (2005), Bulgaria (2006) and Austria (2007)
- □ Coming: Italy (2009)
- Susanna Mornati & Leslie Carr
- ☐ Finland (2010)







Participants

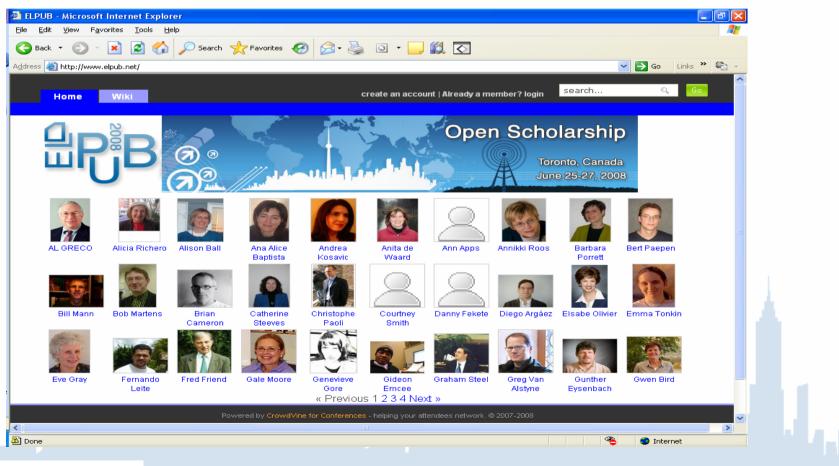


- ☐ From all continents spanning 23 countries
- □ Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, United Kingdom, Uruguay
- But the developing world is under-represented





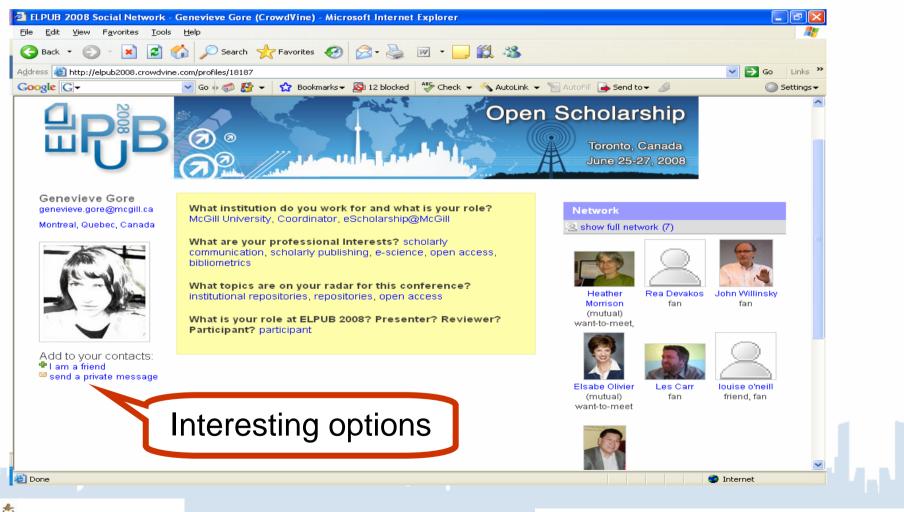
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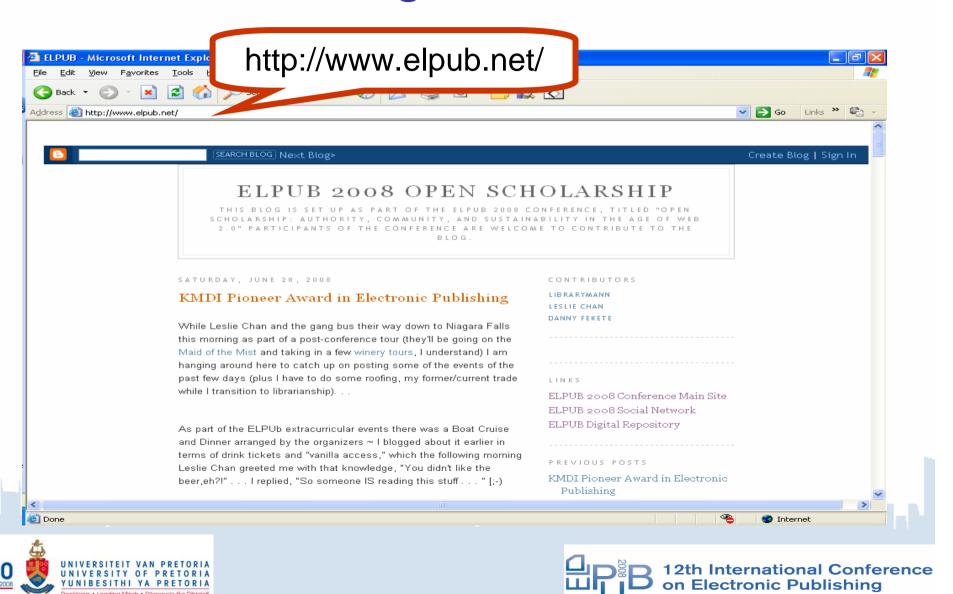
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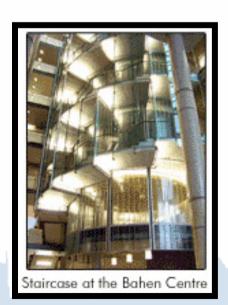


Conference blog

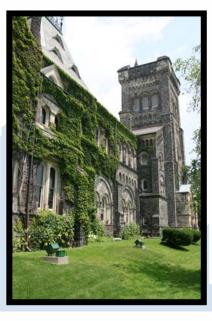


Venue

- ☐ Knowledge Media Design Institute, University of Toronto
- Welcome reception: Hart House











Pre-conference workshop 1

- Boost your capacity to manage DSpace
- Presenters:
 - Wayne Johnston (Digital Initiatives librarian, University of Guelph)
 - □ Peter Thiessen (Programmer/Analyst, University of Toronto Libraries)
 - ☐ Gabriela Mircea (Digital Image/Text Application Administrator)
- Site administration & maintenance tasks
 - Creating & editing communities, collections, authorization policies etc.
 - ☐ Focused on DSpace version 1.4.2
 - Introduced features of DSpace 1.5
 - DSpace Manakin allows collections a unique look-and-feel







Pre-conference workshop 2



- Repositories that support Research Management
- Presented by Leslie Carr
- Researcher, University of Southampton, UK & Director for EPrints platform
- Discussed:
 - ☐ The role of repositories & the challenge to keep them up
 - □ Serve the interests of faculty, BUT it is important to gain support of institutional management
 - ☐ Importance of supporting Research management
 - Compiled a checklist of success criteria from discussions with repository managers





Pre-conference workshops



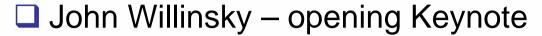
- ☐ Publishing with the CDL's eXtensible Text Framework(XTF)
 - California Digital Library's platform for providing access to digital content
- Open Journal Systems: Working with Different Editorial and Economic Models
 - ☐ Free, open source software that is being used by over 1000 journals around the world.
 - Participants learnt how to start up and operate their own online journal management system





The Quality of Open Scholarship: What Follows

from Open?



- Professor of Education at Stanford University
- Important announcement:
 - □ Stanford University's School of Education passed a mandate that would require faculty to deposit their research for public access
- 4 areas need attention:
 - Open data for more extensive research opportunities
 - ☐ The return of the monograph endangered species?
 - ☐ The promises of web 2.0 for social sharing of ideas/information
 - Public shaping of knowledge (Stanford's Encyclopedia of Philosophy gets links from Wikipedia/Galaxy Zoo – Hanny's Voorwerp)





Filling OA Space At Long Last: Integrating University and Funder Mandates and Metrics

- ☐ Stevan Harnad, Professor in Electronics and Computer
 - Science at Southampton University, UK
- Presented closing keynote
- ☐ Harnad's suggestions:
 - Make submissions mandatory
 - ☐ Focus on published, peer review journal articles
 - ☐ Green archiving as this places submission 100% in the hands of the researcher
 - ☐ Convince researchers to publish their findings to benefit others
 - ☐ Data is welcome, but can not be mandated yet





Other presentations



- Covered a broad scope of topics
 - ☐ Institutional repositories: organizational and policy issues
 - Metadata and query formats
 - Collaboration in scholarly publishing
 - Semantic web and new services
 - Business models in e-publishing
 - Usage patterns of online literature
 - New challenges in scholarly communication
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- Printed copy available in library







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Rainbow options:
negotiating for the
proverbial pot of gold

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Purpose & Problem statement

- Poster reported on progress made in a project to manage copyright and Open Access (OA) at UP
- Problem statement:
 - Journal publishers require authors to sign a "Copyright Transfer Agreement"
 - □ International publishers arching policies are available on the SHERPA/RoMEO database
 - ☐ Few South African journals make provision for self-archiving
 - openUP abides by the copyright policies of the publishers





Methodology, data & interpretation

- Negotiation project consists of email survey/questionnaire sent to SA publishers/editors
- Successfully negotiated conditions for 219 journals
- ☐ Currently the list contains 433 titles









Results



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Lessons learnt



- Copyright is an important and critical issue
- Authors usually don't retain rights or realize implications of signing away their copyright
- SA publishers do not have any copyright policies regarding archiving in repositories
- openUP
 - Influences UP authors' copyright behaviour
 - Promotes Open access and influences publishers to adjust/develop policies
 - ☐ This list might be utilized as a basis for a SA database





Comments by delegates



- ☐ "The work being done at UP is much ahead of where we are but is encouraging" Sam Kalb, Queen's University
- "I am very impressed with the high number of journals" Neil M. Thakur National Institute of Health
- "The negotiations with South African publishers...is a great achievement and critical for the success of the services" – Ross Coleman, University of Sydney
- "Your poster...is a great work from South Africa. It will help other developing nations to develop similar initiatives" Prof. SM Shafi, University of Kashmir
- □ "Very impressive and progressive initiative at the University of Pretoria! – Leslie Chan (Canada)
- Very good to see so much uptake of scholarly content in the University of Pretoria repository in such a short time! The research on South African journal permission policies is just the kind of thing we need to do in Canada" Diego Argáez, Canadian Association of Research Libraries





CISTI visit: 20 June, Ottowa

- Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information
- Repository is still in developmental phase
- Mandatory policy
- NRC-CISTI has 20 institutes
- Plan to link it up to performance& promotion
- "Carrot & stick" approach with high visibility on their web site with alerting and discovery tools
- Each institute will be responsible for own input, but central CISTI will do the approval & quality control



Naomi Krym,
Business Development Officer
& staff members





IDRC visit: 23 June, Ottowa



Barbara Porrett Acting Library Director

- ☐ International Development Research Centre
- □ Digital Library provides the international research community with access to a current & comprehensive collection of research results
- 700 new metadata records a year
- Customized DSpace so that only metadata is shown
- □ Record Management System captures information and it is copied into the Digital library





Reflection

- Open Scholarship conference offered valuable networking opportunities
- Value for the Open Scholarship Office
 - Importance of mandates
 - ☐ Libraries are involved in journal publishing
 - Web 2.0 information sharing tools/collaboration
 - openUP is aligned with other international repository initiatives





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