Canadian Repositories Now:
a national snapshot

Where Next for Repositories?
November 10th, 2016
Ottawa, Ontario
November 9th IR manager meeting at University of Ottawa

Wanted a quick snapshot of measurable things that would be difficult to get a sense of on meeting day

Focused on items, item types, and software

Added question about concerns to try and ensure major themes could be covered at meeting
2004 – by the numbers

- 7 CARL institutions reported having an operational repository
  - 7 implementing, 8 planning/no immediate plans
- 5/7 had 200 items or less
- TSpace was the third largest DSpace repository in the world in terms of content
  - 2400 records
2016 – by the numbers

- 33 respondents to our pre-meeting survey
- Collectively house ~ 939,165 items
Range from 100 – 200,000 items
IRs holding 0 – 14,999 items

[Bar chart showing the number of items held by various universities, with universities listed from Kwandlen Polytechnic University to McMaster University.]
IRs holding 15,000 – 70,000 items
2016

- 2 IRs hold over 200,000 items
  - UBC and Canadiana.org
2016 survey asked: what is your biggest concern?

content recruitment remains one of the biggest barriers

uptake by faculty remains very slow

30% identified faculty deposit or buy-in for content as their primary concern
Pre-meeting survey

- IT infrastructure
  - Mainly w/ respect to additional capabilities for hosting new content types
  - ~ 547,542 (263,963) non-thesis materials
  - 58% (40%) of IR content is not thesis material - data, images, multimedia, article versioning
  - Upgrading / refreshing
  - Digital preservation and migration
Pre-meeting survey

- University community/ admin buy-in identified as a concern – mainly the sense of ensuring we are providing a service that is valued by researchers / the university

- Workflow/ Resourcing
  - Can demand be adequately staffed should outreach efforts prove successful? Managing expectations

- metadata & interoperability
Software

- 2004 - DSpace used by the majority of IRs
- Digital Commons, ENCompass, CONTENTdm, Zope
- 2016 - DSpace is still the leader (17)
- Islandora is second most common (5), Eprints (4), Digital Commons(2), homegrown (2)
Report on the day’s discussions to come at 1:30