

Arca Admins meeting - February 15, 2017

Attendees:

Allison Sullivan (Note taker)	Langara College
Caitlin Miller	COTR
Christine-Lousie Dujmovich	JIBC
Gretchen Goertz	Douglas College
Hillary Webb (Note taker)	ECUAD
Kim Stathers	UNBC
Martin Warkentin	UFV
Michel Castagne	Capilano University
Brandon Weigel	Arca Office

Note: Arca Admins meetings now take place once per term, not once per month.

Arca Admins are invited to join the Islandora IR Interest group: github.com/islandora-interest-groups/Islandora-IR-Interest-Group

Preservation in Arca

Preservation survey:

<http://surveys.bceln.ca/limesurvey/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=769719&newtest=Y&lang=en>

- BC-ELN's relationship with COPPUL grants access to their Digital Preservation Network
- Cost will be based on storage
- Institutions can opt out, or can choose to preserve specific collections
- So far the survey response has been mixed between a need and no need for preservation
- Some discussion of individual sites' needs
- Difficult to determine need/interest until costs are known

Standardizing rights/usage statements

- Declaring licenses at a resource level" is a core function from the COAR report on next-gen repositories. Describes what people can do with your work (access conditions).
- Interest in providing a standardized set of accessCondition statements for all Arca sites that would be automatically added to forms. The form builder in Islandora can generate a Creative Commons licence URI.

Attendees were generally interested in having shared standard language.

Discussion: Where should these statements come from?

- rightsstatements.org contains standardized statements which are designed to work with Creative Commons licenses. No Canada-specific wording, but that could be covered by other means.
- Creative Commons is popular
- Brandon built a CC badge module that can display a CC license image on objects
- Concerns raised about scholarly published articles that wouldn't necessarily fit into a CC licence, so there would have to be flexibility in the statements provided

ACTION ITEM - ALL: Look through licences available through rightsstatements.org and CC. Send Brandon a note stating whether a combination of the two will meet the needs of your institution.

COAR report on next-generation repositories:

<https://www.coar-repositories.org/files/NGR-Final-Formatted-Report-cc.pdf>

This report outlines a list of “core functionalities for the next generation of repositories, as well as the architectures and technologies required to implement them.”

The functionalities are as follows:

1. Exposing Identifiers
 2. Declaring Licenses at a Resource Level
 3. Discovery through Navigation
 4. Interacting with Resources (Annotation, Commentary and Review)
 5. Resource Transfer
 6. Batch Discovery
 7. Collecting and Exposing Activities
 8. Identification of Users
 9. Authentication of Users
 10. Exposing Standardized Usage Metrics
 11. Preserving Resources
- Some concerns were raised about "interacting" with resources - annotation, commentary and review. How to avoid public commentary.
 - Interaction functionality use cases:
 - o for peer-reviewed articles (for users with authentication)
 - o to crowdsource information for collections like archival photographs
 - o Academic discussion about articles

Topics for 2018 Arca Hour sessions

- Webform
- Aliases
- Form builder - cutting down metadata fields
- How Newspapers and Books work

- Redo the video on Google analytics
- Review of the modules and custom work that BC-ELN has created for us
- Tactics to improve Google indexing
 - o NOTE: Enabling the Islandora_social_metatags module will help with this

* Note: Some of the Arca Hour videos are corrupted and not working. Brandon will be replacing them.

Metadata guidelines update: needs and preferences?

At the last meeting, it was suggested that the current Arca Metadata Guidelines (arca.bcelnapps.ca/metadata/arca-metadata-guidelines) need updating. Brandon has investigated, but finding that the document does not clearly suit our needs, asked the Arca Admins to state what their requirements are.

The standards come from the MODS documentation loc.gov/standards/mods/userguide/generalapp.html

How can the documentation be more helpful for Arca Admin?

- General agreement that the official guidelines are adequate in most cases
- Desire to have complex MODS records explained
- Some admins noted issues with trying to edit handmade MODS XML documents using the ingest forms

Hosting and reliability update

There have been reliability problems since the move to SFU cloud hosting (Fall 2017). Within the next month we will be moving into the production environment and these issues should clear up.

Analytics and usage statistics

Question: Is there a way to run a report to see how space a collection currently occupies?

Answer: No, Islandora doesn't offer this information. BC ELN can tell you how much space your entire repository is using, but no collection-level storage information.

Each institution site has a download stats page for usage/downloads is available at [\[your.arca.domain\]/download_stats](http://[your.arca.domain]/download_stats)

Question: Any tactics on improving Google's indexing of our collection?

Answer: Enable Islandora_Social_metatags module to provide Google and other services better information about the objects. This will also enable attractive previews for social media sharing. For examples: check out the Arca twitter bot:

twitter.com/arca_bc

Arca hosts an analytics tool called Matomo (formerly Plwik), similar to Google analytics

but more private. Every Arca site will have a Piwiki account. Don't have access? Send Brandon an email.

Question about uploading video

- This is possible now due to cheaper storage with SFU (\$.40/GB as opposed to \$4.00/GB)
- Please let Brandon know if you're looking to upload a large amount of video or if you need help with derivatives

Suggested reading: Luther, Judy. "The Evolving Institutional Repository Landscape." ACRL/Choice, publisher. 2018. choice360.org/librarianship/whitepaper