Canadian Library Association
Task Force on Open Access

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Whereas (excerpt):

- connecting users with the information they need is one of a library's most essential functions, and

- access to information is one of librarianship's most cherished values;
Be it resolved (excerpt):

• that the CLA formally declare its commitment to Open Access by signing the Budapest Open Access Initiative, and the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities.

• that CLA implement Open Access as expeditiously as possible…
CLA Open Access History

CLA Commits to Open Access

• Budapest Open Access Initiative
  http://www.soros.org/openaccess/

• Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities Berlin OA
  http://oa.mpg.de/openaccess-berlin/berlindeclaration.html

• European Union *Petition for guaranteed public access to publicly-funded research results*
  http://www.ec-petition.eu/
Excerpt:

• Q: Should SSHRC adopt a regulation requiring that one copy of all research results be deposited in an institutional repository?

• CLA Response: Yes. Upon publication, research funded through SSHRC should be made openly accessible, as defined in the Budapest and Berlin declarations. In order to ensure access…and preservation…the researcher should place his or her research in an institutional repository, preferably a Canadian repository if available.
2006 CLA Task Force on Open Access: Mandate http://www.cla.ca/about/committees/openaccessmandate.html

- Draft policy on open access to CLA’s own publications (complete)
- Draft position statement on open access for Canadian libraries
- Liaise with other library associations, especially the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL)
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Group Development & Research

• Group Formed - members across the country
• Several teleconferences
• Special guests: Heather Joseph (SPARC), Kathleen Shearer (CARL), Don Butcher (CLA)
• Wiki
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Actions to Date

• Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) consultation: drafted response
• Initiated development of a Canadian Open Access Working Group
• Report & Recommendations on open access policy for CLA’s own publications: approved by CLA Executive May 23, 2007
• Transitioning to Open Access: Action and Advocacy preconference to First International PKP Scholarly Publishing Conference

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Nov. 2006 Response to CIHR Draft
Policy on Access to Research Outputs
download from:  http://www.cla.ca/issues/correspondence.htm

Excerpt:  We congratulate the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for developing a Draft Policy on Access to Research Outputs that is considered exemplary by open access advocates, and a role model for future policy-makers.
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Open Access & CLA Publications


• CLA Executive endorsed OA policy May 23, 2007 - see announcement in June 29, 2007 CLA Digest
  http://cla.informz.net/cla/archives/archive_155065.html
Why OA to CLA Publications?

- Open Access is *strategic* for CLA
- Disseminate info to promote our mandates, vision, projects and advocacy, e.g.: promote strong public support for library and information services, intellectual freedom
- Member recruitment: new librarians do not need to join an association to read a professional journal!
- Revitalization strategy
  - become more member-driven
  - leverage technology to increase value to members
CLA Policy on Open Access & CLA Publications

General Statement

• CLA Executive Council has approved some recommendations from the Open Access Task Force that move CLA towards providing virtually all of its intellectual property free of charge, in digital form, online and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. The revised policy has four parts:
Open Access and CLA Publications: Part 1

• full and immediate open access for all CLA publications, with the exception of Feliciter (one-issue embargo period, to be reviewed after one year) and monographs (considered for open access publishing on a case-by-case basis).
Open Access & CLA Publications: Part 2

- actively encourage members to self-archive in institutional and/or disciplinary repositories
- investigate a partnership with E-LIS, the Open Archive for Library and Information Studies. http://eprints.rclis.org/
Open Access & CLA Publications: Part 3

• CLA will generally provide for the author's retention of copyright by employing Creative Commons licensing or publisher-author agreements that promote open access.
Open Access and CLA Publications: Part 4

- CLA will continue its long-standing policy of accessibility to virtually all CLA information except for narrowly defined confidential matters (e.g. certain personnel or legal matters).
CLA Task Force on Open Access: Next steps

• Draft position statement on open access for Canadian libraries
  – Education
  – Consultation
After the break…

• Brief Round Table
• Issues
• Solutions
• Actions & Advocacy
Questions?
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