Implementation of digital repository at the Ruđer Bošković Institute: organizational and technical issues

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About RBI



- the largest Croatian scientific research institution in the fields of natural sciences
- 530 academic staff (375 researchers and 155 Ph.D. students)
- 136 projects in basic research (in 2008)
- 41 international projects, 67 applied and technological projects and 4 HITRA projects
- 78 undergraduate courses and 245 graduate courses
- 446 research articles published in 2008





Personal

 Individual researchers gain better visibility of their papers and therefore, can be cited earlier and more often than papers which are not in OA

Institutional

- institutions gain on their visibility and prestige by collecting all its scientific output in one place
- long-term data preservation

Community

Research community can find and access information more easily





 "Science and Technology Policy of the Republic of Croatia 2006-2010"

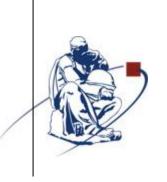
"Scientific output emerged from publicly funded research projects should be available to the public free of charge."

worldwide open access movement

Challenges...

- type of archived materials
- digitization of printed materials
- copyright issues
- metadata structure
- file formats
- content gathering strategy
- choosing of appropriate software (installation and configuration)





RBI DIGITAL REPOSITORY

Institutional repository
Scientific material &
Research output

Documentary Data Archive

> Press-clipping Archive

Types of archived materials



- scientific content
 - books, book chapters, articles, poster presentations, master thesis, doctoral dissertations, datasets etc.
- documentary materials
 - photographs
 - printed materials (brochures, reports etc.)
 - digitization project
- press clipping materials
 - press cut archive
 - press releases

Copyright issues



- scientific content
 - SHERPA/RoMEO project
- documentary materials
 - RBI is copyright holder
- press clipping materials
 - informative news free to archive in IR
 - problems with TV and radio shows

Prefered file formats

- textual materials
 - PDF, DOC, ODF, RTF, PPT
- video materials
 - OGG (Theora)
- audio materials
 - OGG (Vorbis, Flac, Speex)
- pictorial materials
 - TIFF, JPG, PNG

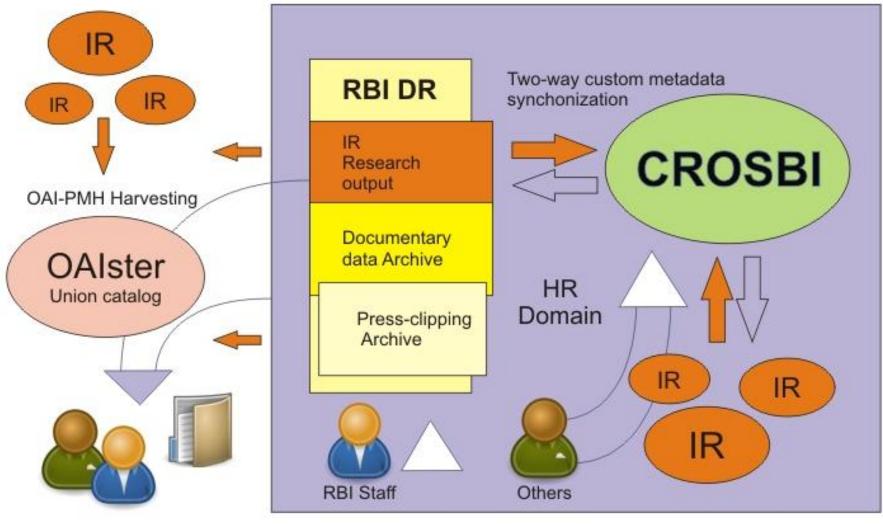
Metadata structure



- MARC21 default
- DC, MARCXML -> data representation
- OAI-PMH compliant
- Interoperability with CROSBI

Interoperability





Content gathering strategies



- self-archiving
- self-archiving mandate
- open access advocacy
- promotion

Software issues



FUNCTIONALITY	CDS INVENIO	DSPACE	EPRINTS
Programming language	Python	Java	Perl
Database engine	MySQL	PostgreSQL	MySQL
Localization	Yes – standard .po files	Yes – Language packs based on Java Standard Tag Library	Yes – XML files
Customization of UI and depositing system	Web interface, extensive HTML and Python programming required.	Web interface, larger changes require Java loding and recompiling application.	Majority of configuration is handled by XML files and some HTML templates. Basic knowledge of respective technologies required.
Default metadata standard	MARC with possible export to other Standards	DC	DC
User authentication	Local database, LDAP, Shibboleth	Local database, LDAP	Local database, LDAP
Access control	Role based	Groups as roles	3 default groups
Search engine	Python custom	Java Lucene	Perl custom

Future perspectives



- finishing implementation
- functional interoperability with CROSBI
- Shibboleth single sign-on implementation
- self-archiving mandate
- user training
- promotion

Thank you for your attention



Questions and (eventualy) answers