

# Report from the Chair

(February-May 2016)

## 1. UoA OA (Update)

1.1. Conversations with the Library indicate there may be a series of workshops to help researchers navigate the copyright licensing contracts they sign with publishers. This will provide an opportunity to discuss the value of open access around the rights lost and retained by authors and institutions.

1.2. The Libraries and Learning Services are beginning a series of workshops on Data Management targeted at researchers. The UoA is currently piloting an institutional instance of FigShare. Putting the data up is the first step to make it open, and encouraging researchers to do so as part of a University Data Management Plan is a great first step.

## 2. Digital Literacy for Reproducible, Open Collaborative Science (Update)

We continue to make progress through funding from the Vice Chancellor's Strategic Development Fund. We will be delivering the course in Semester 2 2016.

## 3. Open Science Prize

The National Institutes of Health, Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Wellcome Trust have launched an [Open Science Prize](#). The Winners of the first round have now been announced.

## 4. Other

4.1. I have contributed to the consultation process of the EU Commission that will inform the soon to be formed advisory panel for Open Science.

4.2. I have been asked to be a judge in the 2016 NZ Open Source Awards

4.3. The SSRN, the largest repository in the social sciences has been bought by Elsevier.