HRČAK – The National Infrastructure for OA Journals

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Library of Science - development of infrastructure and resources for Open Science
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- e-infrastructure for HiEd & Research
  - ~ 50 services
  - 2 data centers
  - reliable operations (24/365)
- ICT competence centre
- training & support
- actively supports OA and Open Science
- whole range of services supporting research data life cycle
HRČAK - Portal of Croatian Scientific and Professional Journals

• initiative of Croatian Information and Documentation Society (HiD)
• developed, maintained and hosted by SRCE
• under the auspices of Ministry of Science and Education (MZO)
• development project in 2004/2005:
  • lead by Srce, interinstitutional team, financed by the MZO
  • with 2 goals:
    • encourage editors of Croatian scientific and professional journals to publish in Open Access
    • develop a (common, central) platform that will enable journal editors to publish and end users to browse and search articles on one web site
• first version put into production in February 2006
  • training and support included
  • interoperability (OAI-PMH) from the very beginning
  • support for editorial process (OJS) added later
HRČAK in numbers

in production since February 2006

June 2021:
504 journals (392 active)
240.000+ OA articles

63.000+ visits daily (average in 2020)

50+ journals using Open Journal System (OJS3) for editorial process
Service organisation and governance

- clear responsibilities (from the very beginning)
  - Srce is responsible for the portal's overall design, functionality and data security
  - journal editors are responsible for the journals content and the accuracy of data
- Policy (portal rules) – defined by Srce
- clear criteria for journal enrolment
  - publicly available
- Advisory board
  - 9 members: journal editors, experts from research community, librarians, authors
  - advise on policy and enrolment criteria
  - advise on development plans
  - communicate community needs
- training activities & support
  - e-mail contact for editors
  - webinars & workshops for targeted audience
- free service for all (journals and end users)
Interoperability & visibility

• OAI-PMH, KBART, DOAJ API, HighWire Press…
Interoperability & unique identifiers

• ORCID
  • 19.700+ authors are using their ORCID iDs
  • 50.000+ connections between papers and ORCID

• funder / project information
  • OpenAIRE (FP7, H2020, WelcomeTrust…)
  • PDB@IRB (MZO, HRZZ)
Usage statistics

- implemented from the very beginning
- continuously improved
- overall and journal specific
  - number of issues, articles
  - journal’s activity
  - visits and downloads
Advanced formats

- XML format
  - JATS - Journal Article Tag Suite (NISO standard)
  - content mining
  - format migration
  - presentation (references, tables, …)

- 38 journals / 205 issues / 2243 articles
Development: latest result and further plans

• main goals:
  • improve UI/UX
  • easier maintenance and adding of new functionalities
  • enhance interoperability and visibility

• latest result – reimplemented administrators’ web interface:
  • visual and logical redesign of the interface
  • responsive design
  • possibility to link paper with research data (identifier or URL)
  • possibility of adding supplements to the paper
  • interface compliant with accessibility standards

• further plans:
  • reimplement public pages (web interface for end users)
  • add support for conference proceedings (?)
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