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Developing Institutional Open Access
Publishing Models to Advance
Scholarly Communication

The DIAMAS Landscape Report – with an Irish lilt

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Europe's Institutional Publishing Landscape:
DIAMAS Project Results**

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Project background

- Earlier research showed problems with the structure of OA publishing
 - “A wide archipelago of relatively small journals serving diverse communities”

Bosman, J., Frantsvåg, J. E., Kramer, B., Langlais, P.-C., & Proudman, V. (2021). OA Diamond Journals Study. Part 1: Findings. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4658704>
 - Diamond OA an import part of institutional publishing
 - DIAMAS to look at institutional publishing



The work

WP2

- Some 40 competent and interested persons from around 20 organisations participated
- Started in September 2022 and delivered the report end of November 2023





Little to build on

- No data previously collected on institutional publishing as such
- No organisations geared to institutional publishing as such
- Had to start from scratch
- Initiated a large survey
- Institutional Publishing Service Provider (IPSP) a central term
 - Institutional Publishing (IP) activities
 - Service providers (SP) to such IPs
 - Or combinations of IP and SP



What we did

- Created a survey
 - Trying to cover many aspects
- Tried identifying possible IPs and SPs in ERA
 - Data we had was skewed towards OA journal publishing
 - Engaged networks we knew of
- Sent out to more than 5,000 e-mail addresses late March-early May 2023 in 10 different languages
 - And to e-mail lists, and to organisations asking them to distribute to their members
- Lesson learnt: The direct e-mails did not work, it was the mass e-mailing to lists, organisations etc. that gave responses

What did we get?

685 responses we could use

- An uneven geographical distribution
 - But most countries adequately represented
- Our numbers indicate that a major part of IPSPs are represented
 - But the smallest ones underrepresented
- $\frac{3}{4}$ IPs, $\frac{1}{4}$ SP
- 90% publish journals
 - Most publish relatively few journals, <5



Some major findings

- Countries are more different than regions are
- Organisation of scholarly publishing activities on a national scale very important
 - Support and administrative structures
 - Networks and organisations
 - Funding opportunities



Finances & organisation

- >2/3 are non-commercial public organisations
 - SPs more likely to be private companies
- ≈60% IPs and SPs part of a parent organisation

- Mainly small-scale activities
 - Heavily dependent on voluntary and in-kind contributions
- The Diamond model is very common
- APC used as a revenue stream by 19% of OA journals publishers
- VAC (voluntary author contributions) used by 23.5%



Finances & organisation cont.

- 54% of all-diamond publishers rely on fixed and permanent funding from parent organisation, 20% on periodically negotiated funding from parent
 - high reliance
- 31% rely on content and print sales
 - low reliance
- Some 70% would consider cooperating with others to save costs
 - At least in some area:
 - IT services, Production services and Training, support and/or advice on publishing policies and best practice the most important, all with more than 40% inclination to cooperate

Open Science practices

- Double-anonymous peer review most common (76%)
- Open peer review used by 17%
 - ≈30% of respondents willing to implement in the future
- 90% of journal output OA
 - 76% of conference output
 - 58% of academic books
- 97% of journals OA in Eastern Europe
- Academic journals the most important output, >90% of respondents using this format



Open Science practices cont.

- 87% of respondents adhere to OA or Open Science policies on various levels
 - National, institutional, their own
 - Variation between countries, national policies not important in all countries
 - Most important for OA journals
- Only 45% consider their content well indexed, 55% want improvement
 - Satisfying technical and non-technical participation criteria together with metadata criteria a problem for 60%
 - Paying for membership and recurring charges a problem for >40%
 - More of a problem for smaller IPs
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB) generally not well implemented



Takeaways

- The typical IP is small and rather alone
- Needs better and more stable, reliable, and long-term financing
- Needs partners to co-operate with
- Needs support
 - Competence must be made available
 - Advice on best practices and how to best align with these
 - Support on how to implement various practices and technical options
- Strong willingness to align with Open Science practices and good publishing practices

Outputs available now

- A treasure trove is found at <https://zenodo.org/communities/diamasproject?q=&l=list&p=1&s=20&sort=newest>



D2.1 IPSP Scoping Report [10.5281/zenodo.7890567](https://zenodo.org/record/7890567)

Defining some concepts and giving a precise geographical definition

DIAMAS Survey Questionnaire and Glossary [10.5281/zenodo.10207447](https://zenodo.org/record/10207447)

The English version of the Questionnaire used in the survey, and the accompanying glossary

D2.3 Final IPSP landscape Report: Institutional Publishing in the ERA: Results from the DIAMAS survey [10.5281/zenodo.10022183](https://zenodo.org/record/10022183)

The full-length 237-page report including short country reports

Institutional publishing in the ERA: Full country reports [10.5281/zenodo.10026206](https://zenodo.org/record/10026206)

A supplement to the above, with longer country reports for some countries

The European landscape of institutional publishing - A synopsis of results from the DIAMAS survey [10.5281/zenodo.10551709](https://zenodo.org/record/10551709)

A short version of the full-length report

Institutional publishing in the ERA: Complete country reports [10.5281/zenodo.10473494](https://zenodo.org/record/10473494)

A companion to the synopsis – the longer country reports for the countries that has one, and the shorter reports for the other countries

DIAMAS survey on Institutional Publishing – aggregated data [10.5281/zenodo.10590502](https://zenodo.org/record/10590502)

Survey data aggregated on a level that allows us to share them

And, of course: <https://doi.org/10.7557/19.7418>

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What about Ireland? – survey data

- 9 responses
 - 5 IPs, 4 SPs
- English dominant language
 - 4 also publish in Irish
- Majority based in universities
 - Staffing low, <2 FTEs (1 has 6–10 FTE)
 - Members of a national publisher/scholarly communication association (IOAP?)
- Most do journals, some also books – 1 only books
- Only one publish >10 journals: 2 have 1 journal, 3 do 2–5, 2 do 6–10
- Book publishing 1–10 per year, one publish 11–20
- Generally HSS, some multidisciplinary
- EDIB: On the bad to awful part of the scale, with most other countries



Ireland in DOAJ

Publisher	Journals
Compuscript Ltd	5
Technological University Dublin	3
Discover STM Publishing Ltd	3
University College Cork	2
Elsevier	2
Maynooth Academic Publishing	1
Dublin Business School	1
SAHkartell	1
Social Care Ireland	1
Comhar Teoranta	1
The Irish Association for Applied Linguistics	1
Irish Accounting & Finance Association	1
University of Galway	1
Irish College of Paramedics	1
Irish Learning Technology Association	1
Grand Total	25

- 25 journals listed with 15 publishers
- Some overlap with survey respondents, but not impressive
 - A number of respondents with a number of journals are missing in DOAJ
- Largest in DOAJ has 3 Chinese, 1 uncertain and 1 Irish journal
 - 3rd has no Irish journal
- Survey responses indicate quite a number of journals lacking in DOAJ
 - All may not be eligible, but many should be

Irish licensing in DOAJ

License	Journals
CC BY	9
CC BY, CC BY-NC-ND	2
CC BY-NC	5
CC BY-NC-ND	2
CC BY-NC-SA	4
CC BY-SA	2
Publisher's own license	1
Grand Total	25

- About 40 % has a «clean» CC BY license
 - Mostly the non-institutional ones
- The “Publisher’s own license” is a guarantee for inefficient distribution
 - Any CC license is better
- The clauses added on to the CC BY also hampers distribution
 - And rarely does anything good

More from DOAJ

- Preservation:
 - 5 use Portico
 - 2 use CLOCKSS
 - 1 use PKP PN
 - 3 national libraries in addition to one of the above
 - 17 not preserved?
- Deposit policy directory:
 - 8 journals in Sherpa/RoMEO
 - 2 have info on own website – i.e. hidden
 - 15 have no info
 - i.e. no policy?
- Plagiarism screening
 - 14 do, 11 don't



To-do list

- Apply to DOAJ for all eligible journals
 - You may need to adjust in order to make them eligible.
 - Can you target the DOAJ Seal? What about Plan S requirements?
 - This may take work and time, but you will need to reflect on what you are doing, and why. Useful!
- Discuss licenses and adjust
 - Restrictions that have no good function should be removed
 - Such restrictions always reduce distribution and readership
 - And may have unforeseen consequences
- Get your journals into Sherpa/RoMEO
- Your journal needs preservation
 - There is a free solution for journals in DOAJ that use OJS
- Nowadays, plagiarism screening is a must
 - Cheapest solution via CrossRef

End of Irish chapter



Thank you!

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