Minutes
UK-CORR Committee Agenda – Wednesday 16 July 2025

1) John Kaye (JISC) - IRUS
2) Matters arising
   a. KnowledgeBase review updates
   b. Committee changes on the website
   c. ukcorr.org domain renewal and web hosting options
3) UK-CORR involvement in the COAR International Repositories Directory
4) Update on the UKRI 'Improving the open access research information landscape' work
5) Cover for Officer roles
6) AOB

Attending: Agustina Martinez-Garcia, Kelly Hetherington, Michelle O'Hara, Leigh Stork, Gordon McQueen, Jenny Basford, John Kaye, Thom Blake, Leigh Stork, Kate Beeby, Dawn Pike, John Kaye (Guest), Michaela Tonkinson

Apologies: Nicki Clarkson, Andrew Marsden, Tara Healy, Yvonne Budden, Jon Cook

1. John Kaye (JISC) – update on IRUS

John Kaye gave an update on COUNTER services JUSP and IRUS. There has been a review of these services in the last 18 months. It became clear during interviews that the two needed to be rebuilt, as the back-ends aren't coping with the amount of data coming in. JISC will need to invest in these services if they are to continue.
Member interviews were undertaken – JUSP was critical and informed subscriptions choices and publisher discussions. IRUS – appreciated, but a nice to have rather than imperative.

A landscape review highlighted a viable alternative to IRUS. OpenAire Usage Statistics to be used instead. The review advised that IRUS is retired and OpenAire to be used instead.
OpenAire is COUNTER compliant, with full suite of R5 reports, but doesn't currently have API, widgets, and data is 1:1 between OpenAire and institutions.
JISC are considering requesting a national aggregation for usage from OpenAire. Also under discussion is the potential to migrate R5 data from IRUS, influencing the OpenAire roadmap.

A formal announcement will be sent out late July/early August, with guidance and webinar in August and September. IRUS will look to be retired at the end of the year (31 Dec 2025)

It was noted by committee members that work has already been ongoing with OpenAire to get more registrations at UK institutions. Support from OpenAire has not always been good and they have been slow to answer queries.
Better support will be needed by OpenAire for this, in comparison to the levels of support that have been given by JISC. It was suggested that a longer time will be needed for institutions to move over to OpenAire, plus the timing with REF makes things more difficult.

There is an OpenAire onboarding process, which JISC would like to test with some volunteers. Those who wish to volunteer should contact John Kaye directly at john.kaye@jisc.ac.uk

Action: Thom to start a document collating feedback regarding the IRUS closure. This can be shared with the wider community once the announcement has been made public.

2. **Matters arising**

a) **Knowledgebase Review updates** - Tara unable to make meeting, no updates as yet.

b) **Committee changes on the website** - Ongoing, Thom to put updated information on the website

c) **Options for domain renewal and web hosting** – Michelle has put together a few options for the domains, and will share this with the rest of the committee. The ukcorr.org is also up for renewal – Jenny at the British Library has kindly offered to cover the renewal cost.

3. **UK-CORR involvement in the COAR International Repositories Directory**

There was a soft launch last week for the COAR IRD, which provides an alternative to openDOAR. They are looking for a 'responsible organisation' to maintain the UK part of this - there were enquiries as to whether UK-CORR would be appropriate.
It was agreed that it would be a good thing to be involved in. It was suggested that Paul Walk be brought in to provide updates and further information.

Action: Agustina to liaise with Paul and see when he would be available to talk to the committee.

4. **Update on the UKRI 'Improving the open access research information landscape' work**

Agustina shared a report recently from UKRI. A webinar from UKRI will be given in due course (UKRI have moved it from this week)
There is time to still give feedback to Agustina about the report, which in turn can be fed back to UKRI.

5. **Cover for Officer roles**

Agustina will be on maternity leave in the autumn, and is looking for a cover for her Technical Officer role. Anyone interested should get in touch directly with Agustina at: am857@cam.ac.uk.
Congratulations to Agustina!
Those interested should let us know by 22 August.

Michelle also wishes to step back as UK-CORR Social Media Officer, and is also looking for any volunteers who may wish to step into the role. Michelle will continue in a 'without portfolio' role.

Anyone interested in becoming the Social Media Officer should contact Thom or Leigh. Michelle can also provide information on the role and what it entails.

Deadline – 22 August.

6. AOB

The British Library has signed a contract to reinstate eThos, an announcement will be made in the future. It will have the metadata and a link to the repository with the file. The recovery work from the cyber attack is still ongoing.

If anyone wants to test out the new system in the future, then contact Jenny Basford directly.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 15 October 2025, 12-1pm**