Meeting reports

PUBMET2018 – The 5th conference on scholarly publishing in the context of open science

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PUBMET2018 was organised by the Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology, University of Zagreb, Department of Information Sciences, University of Zadar and Ruđer Bošković Institute, and held in the beautiful city of Zadar. It was organised under the auspices of the Croatian Ministry of Science and Education, OpenAIRE, SPARC EUROPE and the European Association of Science Editors (EASE), with the financial support of Clarivate Analytics, EBSCO, Copernicus, Emerald and IOP Publishing.

The pre-conference day (19 September) was reserved for workshops. Ksenija Baždarić (Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka, Croatia) held the first workshop, where she gave a conceptual framework of plagiarism in science and an overview of different tools for detecting text similarity/plagiarism (iThenticate, Turnitin, WCopyfind), with practical examples of the decision-making process (cut-off values and flowcharts) and plagiarism prevention. In the second workshop, Vedran Katavić (School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia) gave a short introduction to the concepts of authorship, co-authorship and contributorship in biomedicine and social sciences/humanities.

The next day started with a two-part workshop held by the sponsors, first by EBSCO representative Pavel Synek, who discussed how ideas of 'open' are increasingly defining library technology and the industry's approaches to content. The second part was given by Clarivate Analytics representative Massimilano Carloni, who talked about the evaluation of open access in Croatia and the impact of researchers publishing in open access.

The conference was opened by Programme Committee Chair Jadranka Stojanovski and Organising Committee Chair Vladimir Mrša. Introductory words were also given by Ivanka Stričević, Vice-Rector of the University of Zadar, and Branka Ramljak, State Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Education. The keynote speaker, Vanessa Proudman from SPARC Europe, talked about the changes in funding structures of open services within the European Union and infrastructures that will support open policy in future. In the second lecture John Tennant, the founder of Open Science MOOC, expressed his opinion that any open science is good science and that open is better for everyone.

Silvio Peroni (University of Bologna, Italy) introduced the initiative for open citations and its purpose of promoting the release of structured, separable and open citation data. Kalman Žiha (University of Zagreb) presented citations, views, downloads and purchases of two Croatian OA journals from the field of engineering. Valerie Matarese (Up To Infotechnologies) talked about the skills and knowledge that authors' editors need to have and how they can support and guide authors in all aspects of writing. Iva Melinščak

Zlodi talked about academic journals, student journals and books deposited at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, and problems and challenges related with their deposit.

Figure 1. From the left: Vladimir Mrša (Organising Committee Chair), Ivanka Stričević (Vice-Rector of the University of Zadar), Branka Ramljak (State Secretary of Ministry of Science and Education), Vanessa Proudman (SPARC Europe), Jadranka Stojanovski (Programme Committee Chair) and Jon Tennant (Open Science MOOC)

Gareth O'Neill from Leiden University, The Netherlands, presented Eurodoc - an Early-Career Researchers network and the ways of introducing open science and open data to young researchers. Next was Lai Ma from the University of Dublin, who emphasised the necessity of open discussion in everyday academic life, based on Habermas concept. Marina Cvitanušić Brezić (Agency for Science and Higher Education, Croatia) introduced the procedure of re-accreditation of higher education institutions in Croatia, with the emphasis on quality assurance activities. Mirta Matošić presented the findings of a study of the increase of University of Split ranking related to the correct affiliations of authors in scientific publications and how librarians can help to increase their visibility. After an extended coffee break with poster session and the sponsor's block, Jasminka Maravić from the Croatian Academic and Research Network talked about open-access repositories with scientific and educational content, with the example of the repository created within the project "e-Schools". Tihomir Katulić (Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb) proposed the adoption of specific national measures ensuring the safeguarding of data subject rights with the principles set by General Data Protection Regulation. Afterwards, Ivana Hebrang Grgić, Jadranka Stojanovski and Franjo Pehar presented the newly published book "Openness in science

and higher education", edited by I. Hebrang Grgić. In the evening, we had a conference dinner at the beautiful restaurant Arsenal with a great selection of Croatian food and wine, accompanied by popular music played by a DJ.

The second day started with a   keynote lecture by Katarzyna Szkuta (European Commission), who presented the EC policy for Open Science, including recent developments. Mohammad Hosseini (Dublin City University, Ireland) talked about the definition of authorship in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. Mario Malički (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) discussed his survey of transparency in research and concluded that researchers, peer reviewers and editors have not yet embraced all the principles of the TOP guidelines, especially in regard to pre-registration of studies and data sharing. After the coffee break, Ignasi Labastida i Juan from the University of Barcelona (Spain) explained which changes, knowledge and infrastructures research institutions should adopt to embrace the open science concept. Andrea Bertino (University of Göttingen, Germany) talked about the aims and advantages of the entity-fishing service. Kristina Posavec (University of Zagreb) presented three large Croatian open access corpora that can be used as open educational resources for language teachers, lecturers, researches, lexicographers, linguists and students, and Marijana Glavica (University of Zagreb) showed different ways of sharing and archiving data which could help researchers to choose a data repository that will suit their needs and resources. After the lunch break, Ginevra Peruginelli (ITTIG-CNR, Italy) presented via Skype, an evaluation of the quality of legal scholarship in Italy. Radovan Vrana (University of Zagreb) talked about the peer review of research data, and Shane McLoughlin (National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland) presented the challenges of reviewing industry/academic collaborative research projects.

At the end of the conference, SPARC Europe Satellite Meeting was held, with the focus on copyright, legal issues and Creative Commons licenses. It was organised by Romana Matanovac Vučković (University of Zagreb), who talked about copyright in scholarly publications in Croatia, Vanessa Proudman, who talked more about the European Copyright Directive, and last but not least Ignasi Labastida i Juan, who showed the use of Creative Commons licenses for scholarly publications.

After the conference, participants enjoyed a city tour, seeing the loveliest parts of Zadar, including Zadar's famous Sea Organ and Greeting to the Sun, Roman Forum, Church of St. Donatus and Five Wells Square. Saturday was reserved for a boat tour, exploring the beautiful canyon of the river Zrmanja, which flows into the sea, with impressive cliffs on both sides.

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Figure 2. Conference venue: University of Zadar