

Scholarly Communication Conference

2nd – 3rd May, University of Kent

Call for Papers

The evolving nature of Scholarly Communication roles means that no two roles are the same. These roles can have many elements including repository management, some open data, some responsible metrics, some REF management, some copyright and licensing, some working with the media... and some all of the above. We are aiming to bring together all the aspects of scholarly communication into one event.

We would like to feature underrepresented voices in Scholarly Communication – as the profession becomes more diverse, one of the aims of this event is to create equal access opportunities for underrepresented groups. We actively encourage submissions from colleagues at all stages of their career, and from individuals who have never presented at a conference or event before, to more experienced voices from diverse communities.

The conference will bring together day-to-day practitioners of Scholarly Communications, primarily those who work at institutions across the UK, although international participants are, of course, welcome – those supporting Scholarly Communication from library and/or research services, including those whose role have a component of Scholarly Communications, i.e. repository manager, open data, responsible metrics, REF, copyright or advocacy but that don't consider themselves experts in the field of scholarly communications. The conference will provide an opportunity to hear about the practical approaches being taken to Scholarly Communications, to share ideas and resources, and develop new networks.

We are aiming to cover both current solutions and approaches, as well as new areas of development, such as the CREDIT framework and persistent organisational identifiers and are keen for members of the community to share their experience and approaches.

We welcome any and all ideas under the broad heading of 'Scholarly Communication for practitioners'. Topics could cover, but are not limited to:

- Advocacy – What? How? When? Who?
- Balancing roles – competing priorities in Scholarly Communication roles
- Current challenges in Scholarly Communication and how you are addressing these at your institution
- Inclusive Scholarly Communication
- Implementing external policies and innovation in a complex research environment
- New tools and technologies – the what, why and how of adoption and implementation.
- Scholarly Communication in a global environment
- The future of Scholarly Communication... and what you are doing to get there!

As there are as many approaches as there are people involved in Scholarly Communication, we leave the format up to you. Always wanted to deliver a keynote? Send us a paper! Lightning talk? Workshop? Pecha Kucha? Poster? Panel idea?

For accepted papers, we will be offering a free/subsidised place (as appropriate) at the conference. Unfortunately we are not able to offer travel expenses, accommodation or dinner for speakers. If this is an impediment to submit a paper/attend the event, please let us know.

To submit a proposal, please send the following information to osc@kent.ac.uk by 1st March 2019:

- Title
- 150 word abstract
- Preferred format
- Name, job title and institution
- If you identify with an underrepresented group and/or have never presented at a conference before, please preface your submission title with “(priority)” e.g. “(priority) What does Scholarly Communication mean?”. This will not be shared beyond the committee, will not be included in the program and you do not need to provide any additional information.

We will endeavour to arrange the format as requested, but we may need to make some changes to fit in the allocated times and rooms. For further information on this contact osc@kent.ac.uk

The organising committee are:

- Josie Caplehorne, Scholarly Communication Co-ordinator, University of Kent
- Dr Gareth Cole, Research Data Manager, Loughborough University
- Sarah Slowe, Head of Scholarly Communication, University of Kent
- Pilar Pousada Solino, Research Environment Manager, Research and Enterprise, University of Lincoln.
- Dr Steven Vidovic Open Research Development Manager, Library, University of Southampton