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The US

- OSTP directive
- “directs each Federal agency with over \$100 million in annual expenditures to develop a plan to support increased public access.”
- August 22nd deadline for plan submissions
- Four possible responses; PMC, in-house solution, CHORUS and SHARE



The US

- CHORUS
- “Clearing House for the Open Research of the United States”
- Distributed system
- Variable embargo periods?
- AAM or VoR
- No centralized repository



The US

- SHARE
- “SHared Access Research Ecosystem”
 - Association of Research Libraries (ARL)
 - Association of American Universities (AAU)
 - Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)
- “SHARE envisions that universities will collaborate with the Federal Government and others to host digital repositories of public access research publications that meet federal requirements for public availability and preservation so that University-based digital repositories will become a public access and long-term preservation system for the results of federally funded research.”
- Flimsy but SHARE and CHORUS have talked



The US

- NIH/PMC
- Actively promoting their services
- \$70/mss?
- Appealing, especially for smaller agencies. Mandate grantees, pay the per article fee and done
- But.... resentment of NIH



The US

- Agency responses
- DoE -- will endorse CHORUS as part of their response, working with PAGES, the DoE's front end.
- DoD -- their response critiques possible solutions but in an early draft, does not endorse any particular one.
- NSF -- we have heard that the NSF will endorse multiple options.
- USDA -- almost certainly will endorse PMC but.....
- Smithsonian -- in-house solution
- USGS -- in house solution but will endorse CHORUS and will commit to working with it, one it's up and running.



The US

- Post agency submission.
- Process?
- Timeline?
- Attempt to constrain or homogenise?
- How much influence does OSTP have?
- Personalities



The US

- Congress
- House and Senate Appropriation Committees --12 spending bills annually to finance the federal government.
- But gridlock
- Omni- and mini buses are opportunities for OA language inclusion
- America COMPETES
- NSF reauthorization
- Sensenbrenner Bill?



The US State Level Activity

- California's Bill would require any researcher who receives state agency funding for research to ensure any article reporting on that research be available for free to the public within 12 months of publication.
- It does not provide a mechanism or repository to provide this access, but leaves it to the researcher.



The US

State Level Activity

- Passage of some form of the bill likely.
- Other states that were considering public access legislation will not take action this year or concluded their legislative sessions without taking action on their bills.
- In New York, Assembly staff has indicated that, they plan to study the issue of public access over the summer with a view towards introducing revised legislation next year.
- In Texas, where the session ended without action on a Bill, it is also likely that legislation will be introduced in the next legislative session.
- Illinois -- State Representative – former mathematician – kicked own the road to campus committees.



Global Research Council

- Virtual organisation of heads of science and engineering funding agencies from around the world. 70 members.
- On May 29, at its second annual meeting, the Global Research Council, a adopted an action plan towards Open Access to publications.
- http://grc.s2nmedia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/grc_action_plan_open_access%20FINAL.pdf
- Endorsement of OA but not prescriptive.

