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FORCE 11 RESPONSE (VIA E-MAIL)

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to respond to your request for information relating to the public consultation "Making Open Data Real" (<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/making-open-data-real-public-consultation>) by sending you some input from the Force11 Community.

Force11 (the Future of Research Communication and e-Scholarship) is a community of scholars, librarians, archivists, publishers and research funders that has arisen organically to help facilitate the change toward improved knowledge creation and sharing. Individually and collectively, we aim to bring about a change in modern scholarly communications through the effective use of information technology. Force11 has grown from a small group of like-minded individuals into an open movement with clearly identified stakeholders associated with emerging technologies, policies, funding mechanisms and business models.

Arising from the Force11 workshop on the Future of Research Communication and e-Scholarship held at Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany, in August 2011 (<http://www.dagstuhl.de/de/programm/kalender/semhp/?semnr=11331>), we have written a White Paper on the topic, entitled **Force11 White Paper: Improving Future Research Communication and e-Scholarship**, of which the most recent version is attached. This document summarizes a number of key problems facing scholarly publishing today, including the issues surrounding open access to data, and presents a vision that addresses these problems, proposing concrete steps that key stakeholders can take to improve the state of scholarly publishing. This White Paper is a collaborative effort that reflects the input of all Force11 attendees at the Dagstuhl Workshop (<https://sites.google.com/site/futureofresearchcommunications/home/attendees>), and is very much a living document. We see it as a starting point that will grow and be updated and augmented by individual and collective efforts by the participants and others.

More about Force11 can be found at the original planning web site at <https://sites.google.com/site/futureofresearchcommunications/home> (created when we were using our original name 'FoRC'), and at the new Force11 web site (<http://www.force11.org>) that is currently being constructed and that will in future become the definitive site for this community.

Force11 also submitted evidence to the recent Royal Society call for evidence entitled Science as a Public Enterprise (<http://royalsociety.org/policy/projects/science-public-enterprise/call-for-evidence/>). Since our answers to their specific questions are also relevant to your consultation, I am also sending that document. I am copying this message to James Wilson of the Royal Society, both so that he is aware of this, and to send him the Force11 White Paper, as promised.

Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to receive additional information.

With best wishes,

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