If You Build It, Will It Collapse?

Roadblocks to Building a Regional Repository Community

A Poster Conversation

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Elsevier Acquires bepress

Attendee feedback:

- "The focus on Bepress was part of what made this appealing to so many...."
- "I hope there will be a similar event next year."
- "I think part of the value of this event was knowing that everything I learned in the event could be applied to my institution’s IR."

Selected presentation topics:

- You’ll L-O-V-E Our IR: Building Faculty and Administration Buy-In as You Build Your Repository
- Migrating to Open: Moving Scholarly Journals to the IR
- Storage Made Simple: Preserving Digital Objects with bepress Archive and Amazon S3
- Digital Commons: an ETD Evolution

What do you think?

1. Were you affected by the Elsevier acquisition of bepress?
2. How can librarians in the New England region support each other in their respective efforts to manage institutional repositories?
3. What is a good next step for the user group organizers to move forward and build this community?
4. How can community members from larger institutions support those in smaller institutions?
5. Can anything be learned from community building in other areas of librarianship?
6. How could/should this community help support the implementation/use of more open source repository platforms?
7. How do/should/could nation-wide initiatives such as 2.5% Commitment influence regional/institutional efforts in the institutional repository space?