Repository support organisations

International organisations

- **DRIVER (Digital Repositories Infrastructure Vision for European Research**
  - http://www.driver-repository.eu/
  - EU-funded organisation providing extensive support and information for institutions setting up and running repositories
  - Member groups in different EU countries provide local support
- **Dublin Core Metadata Initiative**
  - http://dublincore.org/
  - Member-supported organization for supporting development of metadata profiles based on open vocabularies
- **DSpace**
  - http://www.dspace.org/
  - For repositories based on the DSpace software there are community services on the DSpace site
- **eIFL-OA**
  - http://www.eifl.net/cps/sections/services/eifl-oa
  - eIFL's OA advisory service to libraries in its member countries
  - Provides support and advice and has built a federated repository harvesting from distributed IRs
- **EOS (Enabling Open Scholarship): universities and research institutions forum on open scholarship**
  - Website launching February 09
  - Hosted by the University of Liege, Belgium
  - Member organisation of universities and research institutions worldwide: established at the Liege Convention, October 2007
  - Is the official information provider for the European University Association with respect to advice and data on OA and open scholarship developments in general
- **EPrints Community**
  - http://www.eprints.org/community/
  - Support for repositories based on the EPrints software
- **EUA (European University Association) working group on**
  - http://www.eua.be/research/open-access/
  - Working group established by the EUA in response to requests from member universities
  - Produced documents: Recommendations on OA and Statement on OA
- **FEDORA Commons Community**
  - http://www.fedora-commons.org
  - Support for repositories based on on the FEDORA software
- **Knowledge Exchange**
  - http://www.knowledge-exchange.info/
  - Supports the use and development of ICT infrastructure in Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK
- **NDLTD (Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations)**
  - http://www.ndltd.org/
  - Well-established international organization dedicated to promoting the adoption, creation, use, dissemination and preservation of electronic analogues to the traditional paper-based theses and dissertations
- **SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition)**
  - http://www.arl.org/sparc/
  - US-based organisation working to correct imbalances in the scholarly publishing system. Promotes and advises on OA and repositories
- **SPARC Europe**
  - http://www.sparceurope.org/
  - Promotes and advocates positive change in the scholarly communication system
- **SPARC Japan**
  - http://www.lib.nara-wu.ac.jp/jouhou/sparcjapan.html
  - Encourages improved access to Japanese research and creates initiatives that enable this

National repository advisory and support groups

- **Repositories Support Project**
  - http://www.rsp.ac.uk/
  - JISC-funded project in the UK providing information, events, news and general support for repository managers
- **OAK Law (Open Access to Knowledge)**
  - http://www.oaklaw.qut.edu.au/
  - Australian service on legal aspects of OA, managed by Queensland University of Technology
- **NORA (Norwegian Open Research Archives)**
  - http://www.ub.uit.no/wiki/openaccess/index.php/NORA
  - Wiki providing information on OA and IRs for members: http://www.ub.uit.no/wiki/openaccess/index.php/Hovedside
- **IRIScotland**
  - http://www.iriscotland.lib.ed.ac.uk/
  - JISC-funded project to support establishment of repositories in Scottish universities and to provide advice and advocacy services. Project officially ended Aug 08; expected to be taken forward to a national service
- **CRUP (Conference of Rectors of Portuguese Universities) working group on OA**
  - Advisory group supporting establishment of IRs and policies associated with them
- **OS-Repositorios**
  - http://www.lsoft.com/scripts/wl.exe?SL2=1643&R=2396&N=OS-REPOSITORIOS@LISTSERV.REDIRIS.ES
  - Spanish working group focusing on OA and IR developments. All Spanish institutions with an IR are members
  - Own discussion list and annual meetings to share experiences
- **UKCoRR (UK Council of Research Repositories)**
  - http://www.ukcorr.org/
  - Provides guides, events, discussion list, CPD, general support
- **DARE (Digital Academic Repositories)**
  - http://www.surffoundation.nl/smartsite.dws?ch=ENG&id=5377
  - SURF Foundation's repository programme in the Netherlands
  - Strategic plan 07-10 is to include research data into the OA corpus
- **DINI (German Initiative for Network Information)**
  - http://www.dini.de/
  - Organised into working groups: supports technological developments and has established the DINI certificate, used outside Germany as well as within it, for certifying repository quality
- **KIM (Kompetenzzentrum Interoperable Metadaten)**
  - www.kim-forum.org/ueber_uns/kompen/ueber_kim.htm
  - DFG-funded centre forhelping users develop interoperable metadata profiles.. The users are mainly in the German-peaking countries but KIM liaises with other intenational projects
- **IREL-Open**
  - http://www.irel-open.ie/
  - Irish Universities Association-funded project managed by the IUA Librarians' Group
  - Three-year project from April 2007 aiming to build IRs in all Irish universities and a federated harvesting and discovery service via a national portal
- **CRUI OA Working group**
  - http://www.crui.it/HomePage.aspx?ref=894
  - Italian Rectors Association working group on OA
  - Provides guidelines to universities on practical and legal aspects of making e-theses OA
- **DRF (Digital Repositories Federation)**
  - http://drf.lib.hokudai.ac.jp/drf/index.php?Digital%20Repository%20Federation%20(in%20English)
  - Federation of over 80 universities and research institutes in Japan promoting OA and IRs
  - Provides discussion list and international, national and regional conferences and events
- **IBICT (Instituto Brasileiro de Infomação em Ciência e Tecnologia)**
  - http://www.ibict.br/
  - Brazilian organisation, part of the Ministry of Science & Technology
  - Provides technological support, advice, funding for repositories and advocacy within Brazil, including at government level
- **OpenAccess.se**
  - http://www.kb.se/OpenAccess/Hjalptexter/English/
  - Funds development of services, advocacy actions and analytical studies of different aspects of scientific communication
- **CARL Institutional Repositories Program**
  - http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/institutional_repositories/member_resources-e.html
  - Provides information, discussion list
- **CAIRSS (CAUL Institutional Repository Support Service)**
  - http://cairss.caul.edu.au/
  - New support organisation in Australia following the end of the ARROW Project in December 2008
- **Association of Swedish Higher Education 'Library Directors' Forum**
  - http://www.suhf.se/web/In_English.aspx
  - Creating a network for repository managers. Set up a wiki and is holding a workshop spring 2009
- **Sivulile**
  - http://www.sivulile.org/workshops/ghana/institutional-repositories-and-open-access
  - Open Access support organisation for South Africa. Organises events and workshops and provides information
- **Welsh Repository Network**
  - http://whelf.ac.uk/wrn/index.shtml
  - Network of twelve institutional repositories in Wales
- **Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center**
  - http://www.man.poznan.pl
  - Supports Polish institutions in the creation of digital libraries with a mix of paid-for and free services. Organises an annual national workshop on digital libraries.

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