

## Open Access publishing support in South Africa



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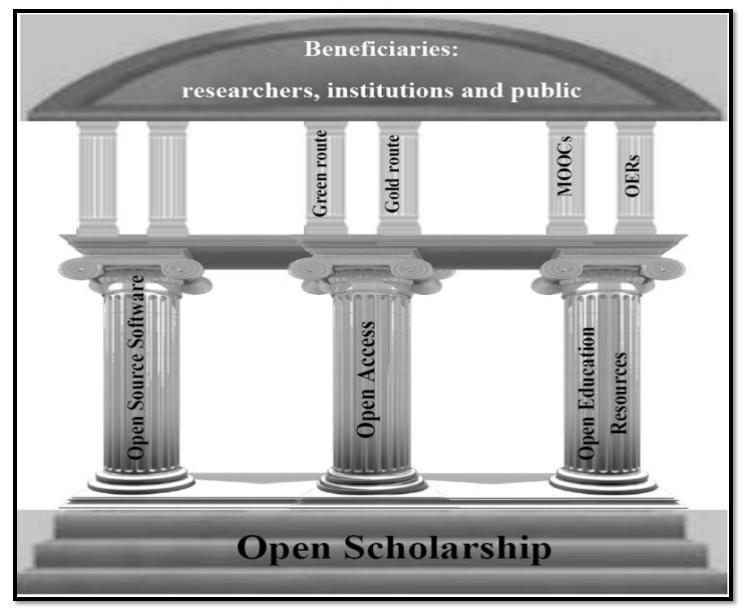


#### Introduction

- The open access (OA) movement started to gain momentum in Africa in the mid-2010s
- South Africa early adopters
  - ➤ Has relatively strong culture of research production
  - >Strong information technology infrastructure
- South Africa adopted open access practices through the development of institutional repositories (IRs)
  - ➤ University libraries taken responsibility for repositories
  - ➤OA roles and responsibilities becoming mainstreamed as a service provided



## Areas of open scholarship engagement





### The South African higher education landscape and commitment to open access

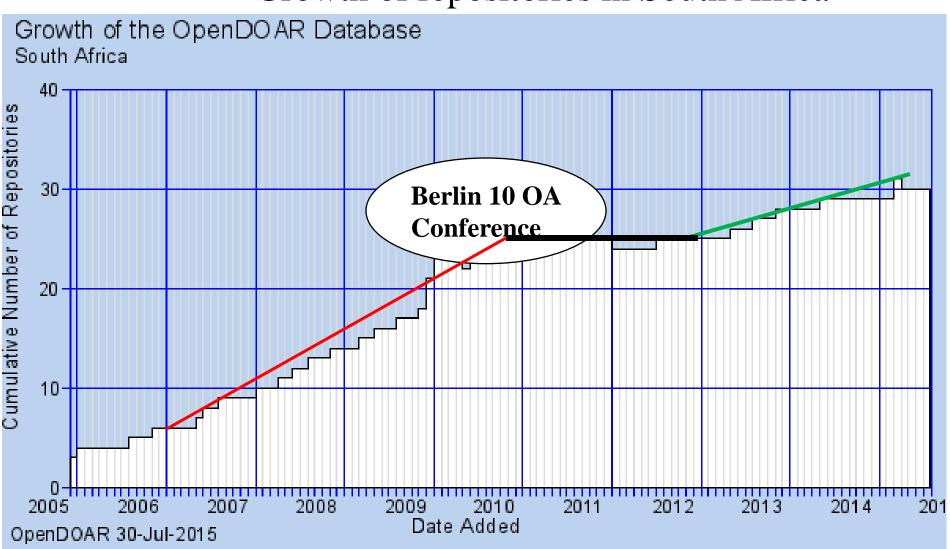
No. of	Offerings	Foci
institutions		
Six universities of technology (UoTs)	Focus on vocationally oriented education and offer diplomas	Focus on teaching and learning - research production is secondary
Six comprehensive universities	Combination of academic and vocational diplomas and degrees	Focus on both teaching and learning and research – expectation for research production is higher than UoT but lower than traditional university
Eleven traditional	Theoretically oriented	One of the core goals of these
universities	university degrees	institutions is research

production



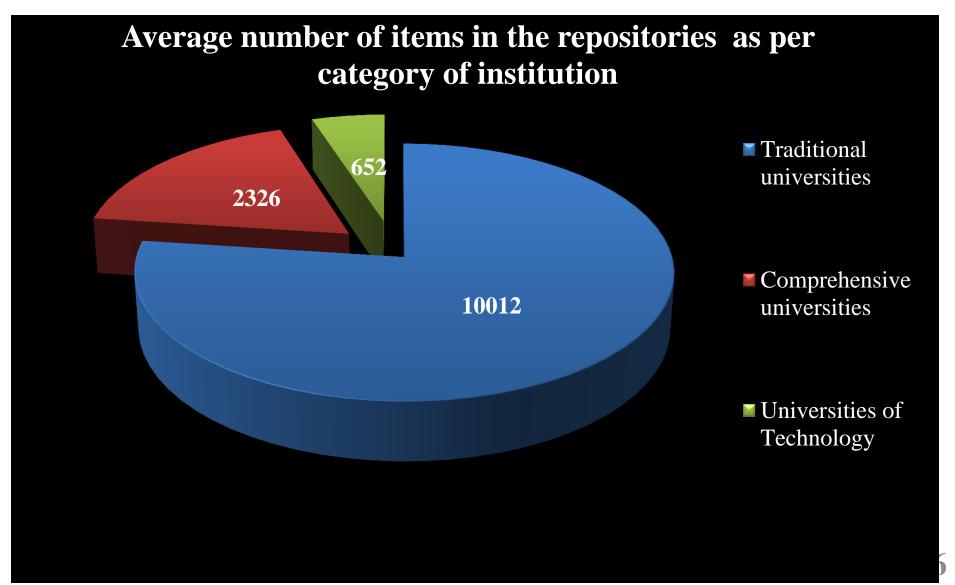
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#### Growth of repositories in South Africa



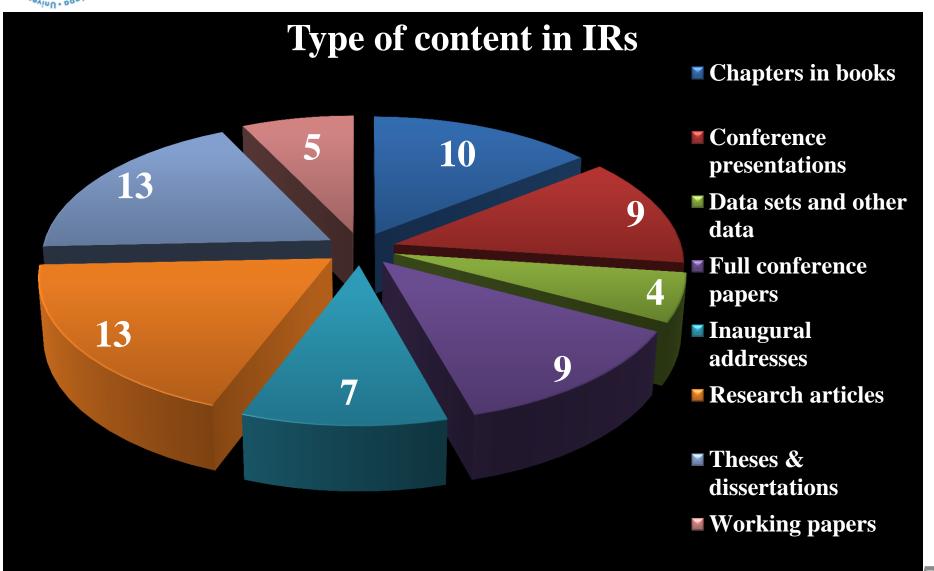


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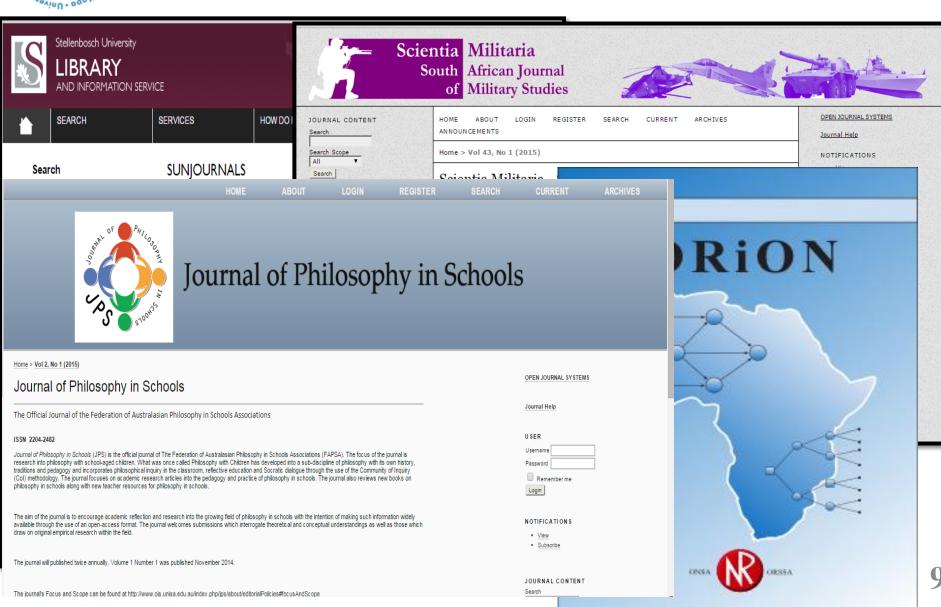
#### **Publishing: Gold Route**

#### Article Processing Charge (APC)

- Publication fee for authors publishing in an open access journal
- Three institutions in South Africa that currently support APCs
- Some institutions are spending up to 5% of their total journal acquisition budget on APCs
- Institutions are facing an increase in journal subscriptions budget of up to 45% relook at the affordability of APCs



#### Publishing: Gold Route Library as publisher







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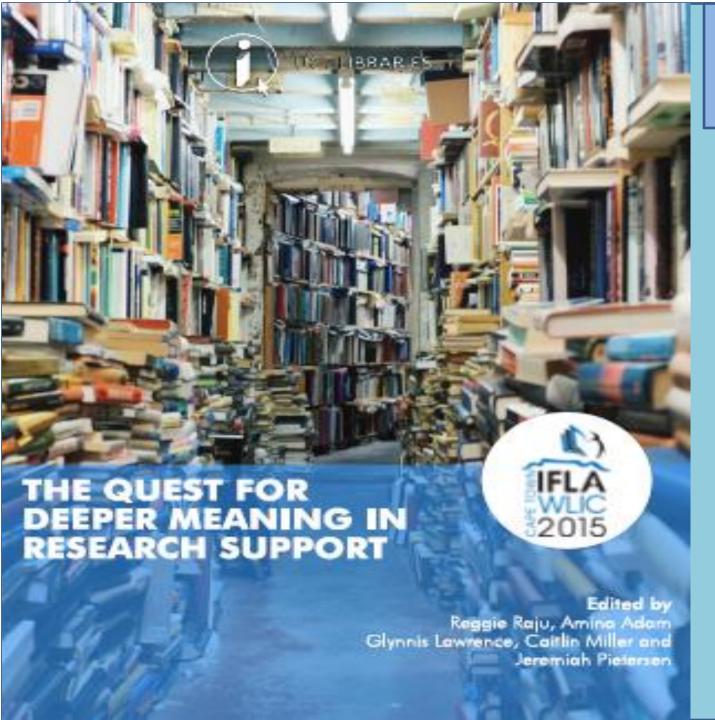
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#### Three discussion questions

- Is there place for APCs in the open access movement of the future?
- In light of the fact that institutions use repositories to showcase their research output, should subject or discipline repositories take precedent over institutional repositories?
- Is the offering of a hosting or publishing service part of a new suite of services that will be offered as a mainstream service by academic libraries?



## Thank you!

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