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NEWS

Many thanks to our presenters for the first 'In Focus' SIG Event, '***Open Textbook Publishing in Australia***'. The session, facilitated by Michael Cowling (CQU), featured presentations from Anne Lennox (RMIT), Roxanne Missingham (ANU), and Adrian Stagg (USQ).
We've received quite a few requests for the recording; you find it and plenty of other resources [here](#).

In July, we'll be a hosting our annual ASCILITE webinar, and will focus on online course development. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

• **REBUS COMMUNITY:** Following our In Focus session, you might be interested in the Office Hours session '***More than a button: getting open textbooks into print***' on June 27th (https://www.rebus.community/t/office-hours-more-than-a-button-getting-open-textbooks-into-print-27-june-2019-2pm-est-6pm-utc/1447)

RESOURCES

- The **NORTHEAST OER SUMMIT** (USA) concluded recently. Most of us probably weren't in attendance, but you can find resources (including the Keynote from Rajiv Jhangiani, and Robin DeRosa) here: https://neoer.umasscreate.net/conferences/2019-conference/
  The Twitter feed for the event was certainly informative, so I highly recommend checking this out.
- The **ICDE CHAIRS IN OPEN EDUCATION** met two weeks ago to provide recommendations and advocacy on OER. The recording of that discussion is here: https://www.icde.org/events-listings/2019/2/13/iwebinar-unesco-oer-recommendations
- **UTS ePRESS:** (Submitted by Janet Chelliah). The ePress contains a number of openly licenced books, and those of you following open textbooks would most likely be familiar with the success of the *Anatomy Quizbook*. A diverse range of disciplines are represented and you'll find them here: https://epress.lib.uts.edu.au/books
- **ATTRIBUTION BUILDER:** Ever experienced difficulty in creating an attribution for open content, or needed to explain it to a colleague? The Open Washington Attribution Builder is one of the easiest tools for this purpose, and openly licenced. Find it at: https://www.openwa.org/attrib-builder/
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AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

OPEN SCIENCE: Whilst the SIG tends to focus on open education, it's worth remembering that we're part of a much larger movement. Thanks to Catherine Wattiaux for forwarding these Open Science event recordings (after all, if these are used in courses, they become OER).

- *Open Science in Action Symposium:*
  https://www.library.rochester.edu/research/openinaction
- *Open Science in Perspective Symposium:*
  https://www.library.rochester.edu/research/openinperspective

FURTHER READING

- **FETTERING OER?** Billy Meinke (University of Hawai'i Manoa) provides a thought-provoking post on the (sometimes) unconscious decisions that make OER 'fettered'. http://billymeinke.com/2019/05/28/fettering-oer/
- The latest issue of **OPEN PRAXIS** (from the ICDE) is now available and covers sustainability, open assessment, open policy, and student engagement. https://openpraxis.org/index.php/OpenPraxis/issue/view/35/showToc

BRING OUT YOUR PAPERS!

- **26 July 2019** – ASCILITE call for papers closes: https://2019conference.ascilite.org/call.html [Singapore]
- **30 August 2019** – Call for abstracts at ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association) 2020 closes: http://www.cvent.com/events/alia-national-2020-conference/event-summary-f5aec5f6e1504f079fb67b5e20b4adea.aspx (Submitted by Tahnee Pearse) [Sydney]
- **30 January 2020** – Call for papers from ISIC (Information Behaviour Conference) is now open: http://www.isic2020.co.za/index.php/dates/ [South Africa]

LOOKING AHEAD: HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you have a recent publication, open text publication, or open initiative, make sure you let the community know! Send your contributions to adrian.stagg@usq.edu.au

In particular, we're interested to see how your plans for Open Access Week are progressing, and how we can publicise and promote the Australian events in 2019. Please share any events with the community, and we'll include them in a future Digest.

Until next month,
Adrian , Carina, and Michael (co-conveners, ASCILITE OEP SIG)