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WELCOME to all our newest members!

The last two months have seen an influx of new members, especially referred by Frank Ponte and colleagues at the Open Textbook Initiative (RMIT). You can read about their work here, as well as the featured Open Textbook Hero Trevor Stone, whose work has currently saved students AUD10,652 in 2019 by prescribing an open textbook for *Introduction to Programming.*

Other members, like Melody Chin at Singapore Management University, have shared their reusable work, like 'Understanding OER' [4'41"], a '*visual explanation on the basics of Open Educational Resources*'. It's CC-Licenced (of course) so you can share and remix.

Do you have resources of interest to the community? Submit them via Adrian.stagg@usq.edu.au for inclusion in the Digest.

THANKS TO...

DAN DUBIEN for her presentation '*Course development by higher education partners of the OERu: A case study using Davis' Arena of change with technology in education*' at the last SIG meeting. Dan informs me the first completed version of her PhD is in for review, and the SIG wishes her luck. The recording will be available soon.

ALWAYS MORE TO LEARN

CREATIVE COMMONS CERTIFICATION: The calls for 2019 and 2020 cohorts are now open.

EBOOK ACCESSIBILITY AND COPYRIGHT: Presented by the Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation, this presentation provides an update on inclusive purchasing models and an update on the Marrakesh Treaty for Libraries.

SHORT READING

PEARSON GOES 'DIGITAL FIRST': Whilst not about open textbooks, it's worth noting that the publishers digital model will actively reduce the second-hand textbook market (eliminating one channel for cheaper alternatives), and push for inclusive access agreements.

THE COMMONS, SHORT AND SWEET: David Bolliers work should be read by anyone interested in the broader landscape for openness. His blog provides

'news and perspectives on the commons', and I highly recommend starting with this post, <u>outlining the concept of the Commons</u>.

CONFERENCES

LOOKING FOR AN OEP CONFERENCE?: <u>This list</u>, curated by the Open Textbook Network, provides past and forthcoming conferences, with links to the conference websites.

HANDS-ON RESOURCES

OASIS META-FINDER: Openly Available Sources Integrated Search (<u>OASIS</u>) is a search tool that aims to make the discovery of open content easier. OASIS currently searches open content from 90 different sources and contains 364,699 records.

OPEN PSYCHOLOGY REOSURCES: This month, the University of Saskatchewan released <u>Introduction to Psychology</u>, whilst Kwantlen Poytechnic University released the fourth edition of <u>Research Methods in Psychology</u>.

OER STARTER KIT: <u>A fantastic resource from Abbey Elder</u> (Iowa State University), this is perfect to introduce OER, and also mine for workshop content.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

RMIT OEP TEAM: (from Jenny Hurley, RMIT): a university-wide OEP Working Group has been established to develop an institutional OEP framework, and later, policy. Concurrently, an OER Library Team has formed to support, promote, and highlight open practice. If you'd like to know more, <u>contact Jenny</u>.

USQ ADDS TO OPEN TEXTBOOK LIBRARY: After joining the Open Textbook Network (OTN) in 2018, USQ has added their first original text '*<u>Wellbeing in Educational Contexts</u>*' to the international library. A number of other texts are in production for late 2019, and into 2020.

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