Going for gold, achieving ‘platinum’ – opportunities for libraries towards opening access to information
"Scholars need the means to launch a new generation of journals committed to open access, and to help existing journals that elect to make the transition to open access..."

*Budapest Open Access Initiative, 2002*
Libraries as Publishers of Open Access Journals

- Harvard University
- Simon Fraser University
- Lund University
- OJS @ Queen’s University
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Guelph
- University of Alberta Libraries
- York University Libraries
- University of North Carolina
- University of British Columbia
14 journals (9 DoE accredited)

- Publishing platform: OJS
- Journal audit – SU Journals
- Workshop for editors (April 2011)
- From Sandbox to Production
- Draft Memorandum of Understanding
- journals.ac.za, DOI’s, EISSN
- Metadata harvested by SUNScholar
- Visit www.journals.ac.za
Preparing for hosting a journal

- Separate virtual server – 10 GB server space
- Most recent OJS version
- journals.ac.za URL for each journal
- Unique DOI prefix for each journal
- Unique Online ISSN for each journal
- Setup journal – in collaboration with Editor/Journal Manager
- SU branding and disclaimer
- Back-up’s and preservation on LOCKSS
- Start publishing!
Managing a journal behind the scenes
Electronic Workflow
What made this project so successful?

- Strong leadership
  - Creative & brave
  - Guts & follow gut-feeling
  - Driven, passionate
  - Unselfish – our energy lies in the growth of others around us
- Editors approached the Library – trust
- Open for learning
- Strong technical expertise
- Support from Vice-Rector Research
Dear Leopold Scholtz

My name is ………………. and I am a lecturer at the Swedish National Defence College in Stockholm. I am currently working on an article on the regional aspects of civil wars and the problem of external support to belligerents in these wars. I will use the SADF in Namibia/Angola as a case study of how to address external support. I have read several of your articles on the SADF in Namibia/Angola and I am wondering if you might be interested in talking with me about your research?

I and a colleague of mine, …….., will visit South Africa in September. We will be in Cape Town between 9 and 13 September, in Pretoria/Johannesburg between 15 and 20 September, and finally end our trip at the Second South African Conference on Strategic Theory in Stellenbosch between 22 and 23 September. If you are in the neighbourhood, maybe we could meet over coffee? Otherwise, maybe we could talk over phone?

Looking forward to hear from you.

Best regards

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- DoE accreditation
- ISI Impact Factor
- LOCKSS (Lots–Of–Copies–Keep–Stuff–Safe)
- Metadata Editors?
- Faculty Librarians?
- Share our knowledge re OJS
- Launched during OA seminar on 24 October 2011: http://www.journals.ac.za
Thank you!

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