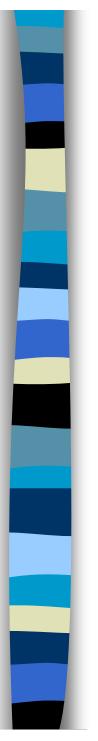
Open Access Initiatives and Success Stories in Zimbabwe

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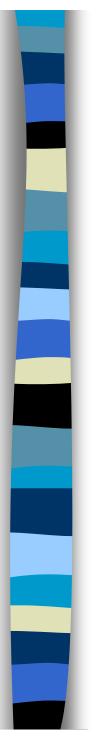
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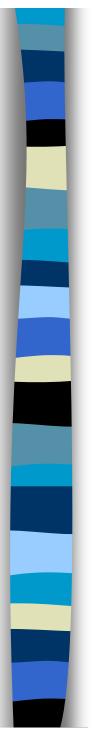
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Introduction

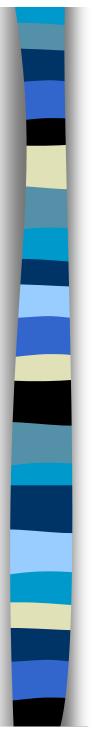
- Open Access and free access of research output
- OA Empowers users
- OA provides author visibility, readership and impact
- University Libraries in Zimbabwe accept OAI



The ZULC and OAI

- Establishment of the ZULC
- Mandate of ZULC
- ZULC drives OAI in Zimbabwe

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ZULC Works with eIFL

- eIFL and National consortia
- Grant offered to ZULC for national consortium development
- CARLC, PLC and GSLC
- Collaboration with the eIFL-IP
- Collaboration with the eIFL-OA
- Open Access workshops

ZULC International Conference on Open Access and Creating a Knowledge Society

- Thrust of Conference
- Important Government Officials invited Minister of Science & Technology and Director of Research Council of Zimbabwe
- Informatics Committee of the RCZ
- ZULC IP and OA Task Forces
- OA Policy guidelines and IR setting up procedures

Institutional Repositories Success Stories - Open Access Initiatives at the UZ

- i. Leader in IR
- ii. Using DSpace in IR
- iii. IR still restricted to UZ staff and students
- iv. Need policy framework
- v. Initial apathy among depositors
- vi. Self-archiving limited

IR Success Stories – MSU Library

- Concept paper on need of IR in University
- Submitted and approved by Library Committee
- Implementation of IR slowed by delayed recruitment of Systems Analyst
- Limited suitable hardware

IR Success Story – NUST Library

- National Centre of Greenstone Southern Africa Support Project
- Project being driven by eIFL
- eIFL advocates use of free open source software
- National workshop on digital libraries and use of Greenstone, 3-5 Dec 2007
- Digital library using Greenstone at NUST, e.g. Impilakahle
 - IR at awareness stage

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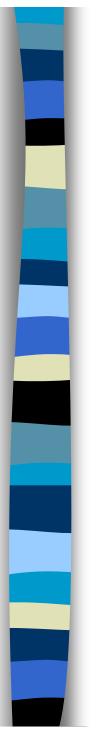
IR Success Stories at ZOU

- OAI deliberated at SMM, Strategic Review workshops
- OAI at DEASA accepted in principle
- Using DSpace for IR
- Downloading and customization in progress
- Data capturing of research articles
- Theses separately archived

Examples of OA Resources being accessed in Zimbabwean Universities

- ArXiv, is the central archive for many areas of physics, astrophysics etc. originally run from Alamos National Laboratory and now being partially funded by the National Science Foundation and run from Cornell University, a private not-for-profit educational institution. It provides open access to 376 648 eprints in physics, mathematics, computer science and quantitative biology
- BioMed Central is an online open access publisher of peer-reviewed research across all areas of biology and medicine. It publishes 150 peer-reviewed open access journals accessible at

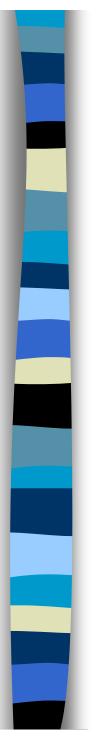
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OA examples cont.

DEMRI (Development Establishment Maintenance and Refinement Institute) is a recently launched OA and Open Source (OS) initiative for people of African descent. It provides through collaboration and open knowledge sharing a collection of OA documents and OS tools for the worldwide African Diaspora to support growth, development and advancement of knowledge, information and open access to ICT resources.

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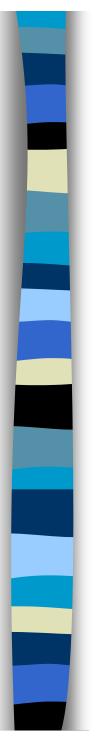


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DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) is an OA service covering free full-text and quality-controlled scientific and scholarly journals. It currently holds 2 310 journals with 666 giving full-text articles. Currently a total of 104 183 articles are included in the DOAJ service. The website of the service is

http://www.doaj.org/

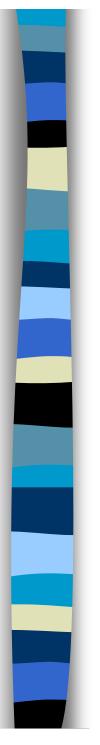
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ELDIS Ondisc provides open access to more than 18 000 development-related publications from various sources. This is accessible after registration at <u>http://www.eldis.org</u>.

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OA resources cont..

The International Association for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) also publishes a directory of free and open access online resources which is a complimentary programme to PERI. The LIS has provided links to these resources through its home pages.

 Other Open Access services include the Indian Academy of Sciences, Indian National Science Academy and SciELO which can be accessed freely on the Internet.

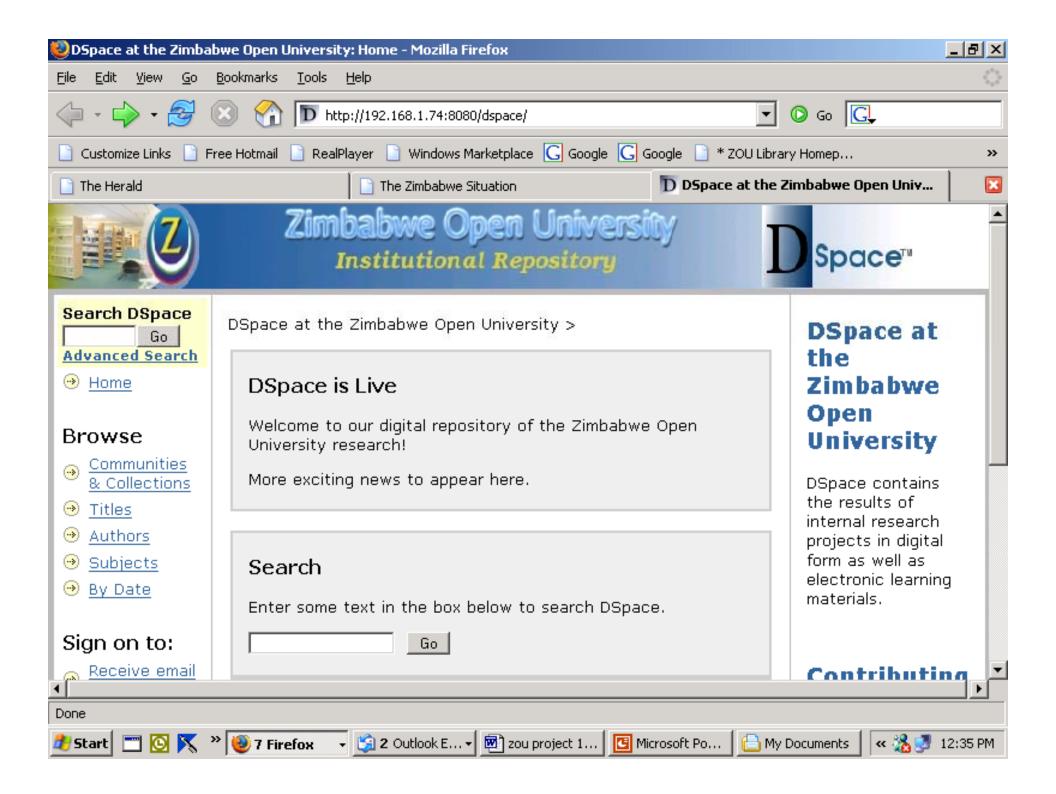
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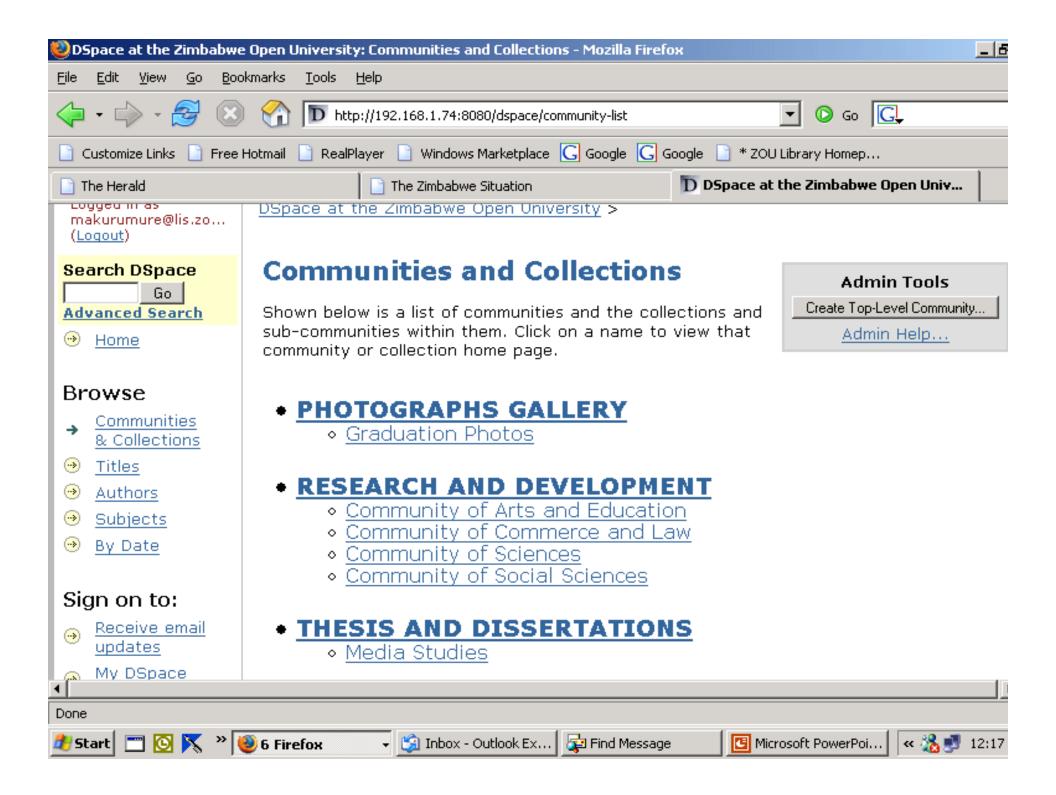


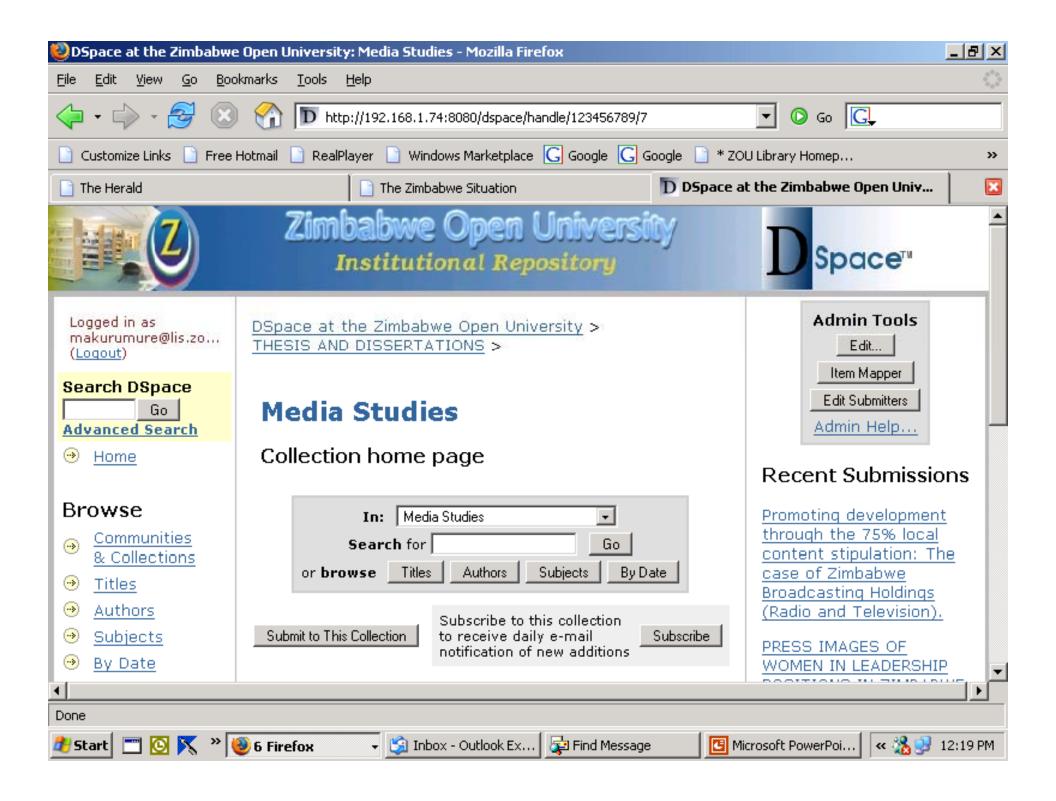
Conclusion and Recommendations

It is being recommended that higher education institutions in Southern Africa should, hopefully through consensus, make a bold announcement to support Open Access Initiatives and mandate their institutions to adopt this paradigm of sharing and communicating scholarly, scientific and academic research knowledge and information. Southern African countries need to put in place enabling environments for OA to thrive.

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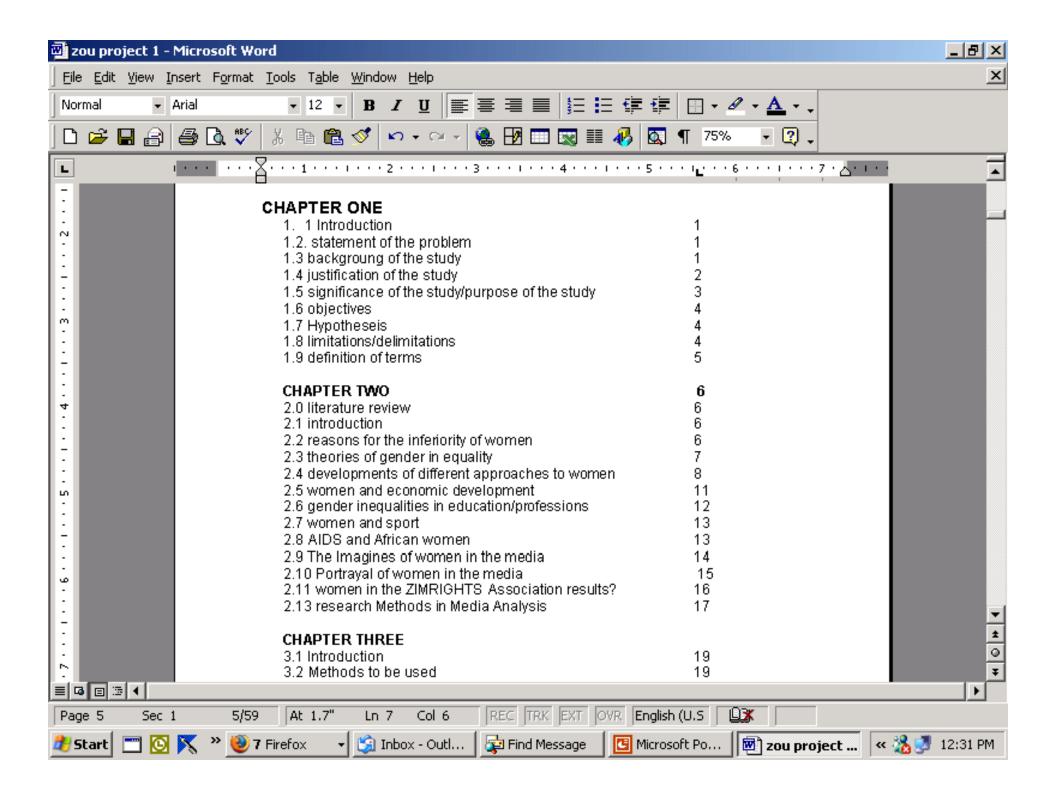




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