



News from New Brunswick

News from Bibliothèque Champlain (Université de Moncton)

Marc Harper, Health Sciences Librarian, Bibliothèque Champlain

Institutional repository

L'Université de Moncton has recently announced that an ad hoc committee will be formed to implement an institutional repository. Currently, researchers here use repositories from other institutions (e.g. <u>Dalhousie University</u>) to store their research online.

Although this process is in its infancy, many researchers here are no doubt looking forward to the day when they can transfer their research here from external repositories. This <u>example from Dalhousie</u> <u>University</u> states that "if your institution implements a repository in the future, Dalhousie University will, at your direction, facilitate the transfer of your material to your institution's repository".

Predatory publishing awareness

Librarians at Bibliothèque Champlain will continue their ongoing efforts to educate university faculty and researchers about the perils of predatory publishing. Our university, like countless other institutions, is not immune to predatory publishers who wish to collect publishing fees without offering a peer review process. Authors who choose these journals/editors as an outlet for their research risk losing money and, perhaps more importantly, having their professional reputations damaged.

In August, librarians will be presenting on this topic during the *Leadership and teaching support service's* (*Service d'animation et de soutien à l'enseignement*) workshop week. Our attendance at these workshops represents a step forward because this new platform is open to the entire university community whereas previous presentations were aimed at each librarian's own schools and faculties.

Librarians will address the red flags to avoid when choosing a journal for publication as well as the new policy adopted by the *Faculty of advanced studies and research* (*Faculté des études supérieures et de la recherche*) which states that faculty and researchers may have their choice of journals scrutinized in the event of an application for permanence, promotion, etc.