ICORE invites citizens and organizations worldwide

How to re-establish Openness as default?

Towards a global joint initiative

Action Lab Workshop at OE Global Conference 2016
14th of April 2016 in Krakow, Poland

Envisaged roadmap: From ICDE Global Conference 2015 towards global declaration in 2017

The vision and overall objective is the launch of a global joint initiative to re-establish openness as default as in the 60ies years of the 20th century: ICORE, the International Community for Open Research and Education (www.ICORE-online.org), invites all interested citizens and organizations worldwide sharing this vision to join forces.

As a further step, ICORE facilitate an interactive Workshop at OE Global 2016 in Poland to continue the first ICORE Workshop at ICDE Global Conference 2015 in South Africa and to debate Open Research and Open Education and their potential and impact in the societies worldwide with special focus on re-establishing openness as default. This Action Lab Workshop at OE Global 2016 will focus the guiding question: “How to re-establish Openness as default?“ as it was the case until the 60ies years of the 20th century. Currently the new copyright rules and regulations are hindering the free and open usage of published resources. Researchers, authors and publishers are not aware how to solve it and most educators are struggling with the legal restrictions and potential fees in offending copyright.

Main goal of the interactive ICORE workshop at OE Global 2016 in Poland will be the development of a declaration draft and related first activities: All workshop participants will work commonly and actively on this declaration draft that hopefully be achieved and approved in consensus by all. We hope that many interested participants and organizations will join the OE Global Conference workshop to contribute and enrich our discussion for debating connections of open research and open education as well as for improving the declaration draft and for defining first activities to achieve the overall vision of Open Lifelong Learning and the re-establishment of openness as default!

The first draft as discussion basis for the ICORE Workshop at OE Global 2016 online at: http://wiki.icore-online.org/index.php/ICORE_Workshop_ICDE_South_Africa_2015

More information about the ICORE Workshop at ICDE Global Conference 2015 online at:
http://www.unisa.ac.za/icde2015/?page_id=1185
http://icore.opening-up.education
More information about ICORE, the International Community for Open Research and Education below and online at: www.ICORE-online.org

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About ICORE:

**ICORE – The International Community for Open Research and Education**

A new initiative is bringing together interested experts and stakeholders from the fields of open education and open research – ICORE, the International Community for Open Research and Education (www.ICORE-online.org). ICORE is completely non-profit, requires no membership fees to join, and is open to both organizations as well as individuals. All ICORE members and partners share, support and strengthen the common objectives and activities for Open Research and Education.

Since May 2013, ICORE is taking shape as the bridge between the two worlds of open research and open education: ICORE founders and interested individuals met on 15th of March 2013 in Rome, Italy, to discuss the establishment of the initiative and future objectives within the topics of Open Research and Open Education. Over forty participants from more than a dozen countries gathered in Rome to provide their professional experience in order to elaborate on the ICORE mission. Their diverse professional and multi-disciplinary backgrounds brought a great deal of variety to the conversation during the meeting. All participants were united in their support of ICORE and the potential the initiative has to develop and promote the largely neglected connection between Open Education and Open Research on an international level.

Prominent experts from America and Europe were present to contribute to the formation of ICORE’s objectives and structure: As non-for-profit association ICORE is open for all organizations and individuals to connect and bridge Open Education and Open Research. Consequently ICORE does not demand membership fees and started as global initiative to bring together all active organizations from Open Education and Open Research to join forces. Moderated by ICORE’s co-founder Christian M. Stracke, now Open University of the Netherlands, all participants discussed, voted and agreed on ICORE’s core objectives and main focus on promoting and disseminating events, organizations, and initiatives active in the themes of Open Research and Open Education, as well as efforts towards their interconnection, ensures that participation is beneficial both for ICORE’s objectives and its members.

Currently, ICORE has got around 300 members from five continents and is coordinated by regular online meetings and plenaries of all members. ICORE’s management and organization is facilitated by the elected ICORE Management and Communication Board. To focus and develop specific tasks and activities ICORE has established two Working Groups: ICORE WG1 "Promoting the Connection of Open Research and Open Education" is addressing broad marketing by events, communication as well as mapping key terms for better understanding. ICORE WG2 "MOOCs about and for Open Research and Open Education" collects information about existing MOOCs as well as collaborators to prepare and offer an ICORE MOOC on connecting Open Research and Open Education together with all interested organizations and experts.

All information about ICORE, its objectives, achievements, meetings and WGs is available online at: www.ICORE-online.org

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