Publications and Communications Subcommittee

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Goals
Organise and contain R8 publications and communications activities

Progress against goals since the last report
1) All (communication) routes to R8 members have been identified and “owners” identified;
2) Rule-of-engagement have been devised and agreed across all channels;
3) Sphere of influence for each communication channel identified.

Points of Concern
1) R8 is susceptible to gaps in information due to small teams on some channels of communication.
2) Lack of precise publication schedule.
3) Some gaps in the overall understanding of the bigger picture.
4) Hard to routinely ”meet” as a committee due to varied schedules.

Initiatives developed
- Communication channels, their ownership and rules of engagement have been defined.
- A preliminary search into the potential of a R8 technical journal was undertaken (initial research shows this would be premature in this instance).
- Researching how this committee can publicise the Open Access agenda within R8.
- Establishing a R8 Magazine called ”Sigma”.

Initiatives planned
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Proposals for improvements
1) Creating a publishing schedule;
2) Creating robust teams to counter any absences by volunteers;
3) Defining and adhering too rules of engagement;
4) Creating a recurring meeting that suits all committee.

Other Issues to report
N/A