

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