Biographies of Panelists

Kevin Ashley, *Director DCC*

At the DCC, Kevin Ashley directs activities whose primary goal is the development of research data services in UK universities. He began his career in computing support for medical research before moving to ULCC, one of the UK national supercomputing services. He worked in development and management roles and contributed to a number of international standardisation initiatives in networking. From the early 1990s, his team concentrated on the development of digital archive services for a range of public bodies including the British Library and the Public Record Office with a special focus on database archives.

Paolo Budroni, *Vienna University Library, Project Leader of e-Infrastructures Austria*

Paolo Budroni implemented the institutional repository at the University of Vienna. His long-term involvement in digital asset management and the provision of aligned services in the scientific community have provided him with a thorough knowledge of technical systems and the requirements of the academic world. Thanks to his engagement, the University of Vienna has participated in the projects Europeana and OpenAIRE/OpenAIREplus. In the LEARN project, he focuses on stakeholder engagement, policy development and alignment, impact and advocacy. He also offers his experience in the use of foreign languages in multi-national settings, his ability to plan and organise work programs and his solid understanding of linkages between policies and cooperative practices. Paolo Budroni is the Austrian National Delegate to the e-Infrastructure Reflection Group (e-IRG).

Sarah Jones, *Senior Institutional Support Officer DCC*

Sarah Jones' current work focuses on the DCC's institutional engagement programme. She is leading DCC support for several universities, helping them to scope researcher's requirements, deliver training, customise DMPonline and implement research data management services. She also develops resources on research data policy and data Management planning and is involved in supporting JISC Managing Research Data projects. In previous roles, Sarah led the JISC-funded DAF project and Incremental. She has been working in JATII at the University of Glasgow since 2006, initially for the AHDS Performing Arts data centre and then for the DCC.

Judith Rabfogel-Scheer, *Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT)*

Judith Rabfogel-Scheer studied political science, philosophy and Judaic studies at the University of Vienna. In 2005, she graduated with a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Oslo. She chairs two intercultural civil society associations.

In 2006, she was the Project Manager at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Since 2007 she is policy officer in the federal ministry of transport, innovation and technology (BMVIT). From 2008-2010, she was project officer in charge of improving the involvement of youth in STEM through applied cooperative research projects with

schools, research institutions and enterprises. Since 2015, she has been responsible for the coordination of the open innovation platform that aims at creating an innovative platform by research result sharing, mainly in the field of applied research. She also coordinated the emergence of the open4innovation platform relating to the ministry's open research data – RTI – policy. This policy was developed in the context of the open innovation strategy for Austria. Mrs. Rabfogel-Scheer was responsible for the formulation of RTI Data Policy in the steering group for strategy development. Her key questions are: Which impact has the opening of research results on innovation? How to create and use openness to foster innovation?

Maria Seissl, *Head of Vienna University Library*

Maria Seissl worked at the Innsbruck University Library from 1991–1999 and as Deputy Director of the Vienna University Library from 2000–2003. Since 2004, she has been the Director of the Vienna University Library and Archive Services. Maria Seissl taught German as a Foreign Language at Kingsway Princeton College in London and at the University of Leeds, UK. She is the Administrative Head of the Library and Information Studies Programme at the Vienna University as well as the Vice-Chair of the Council of Austrian University Libraries (ubifo).

Due to her thorough experience in re-engineering and strategic development, mobilisation of resources and localisation and analysis of potentials, which led to a repositioning of the Vienna University Library as a modern and innovative institution, Ms. Seissl also brings her experience in the fields of policy development and alignment to the LEARN project.

Peter Seitz, *Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy*

Peter Seitz completed his education as a teacher and worked from 1982-1989 as a compulsory school teacher for the Vienna Municipal Education Authority. In 1981, he began parallel studies in Pedagogy and Sociology at the University of Vienna. He finished both in 1988. From 1989-1994, he worked for the Ministry for Education and Culture, where he initially worked as a speaker and shortly thereafter as an employee at the Office of the Federal Ministry for Education and Cultural Affairs. Since 1995, he has been working as a Department Head in the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy. With this background, he is responsible for various work related to the Universities of the Arts and Library Affairs, Information and Documentation as well as the topic of Open Access.