Open Access(ibility): Collaborating with Editors to Ensure Accessible Content

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Road Map

• Introduction
• Publishing Overview
• The Big Question
• Building a Plan
• The Way Forward
Publishing Overview

• Publishing via IR
  – Launched in January 2012

• First Titles
  – SLIS Connecting
  – Journal of Health Ethics

• Publishing Today
  – Seven titles
The Big Question

• Are the Journals Open?
  – Yes and no
  – Does open mean accessible?

• Other Questions
  – Who is responsible for accessibility?
  – What training is needed?
Building a Plan

• Step 1: Determine Who Does What
  – Libraries will identify issues and provide training
  – Editors will make the needed changes on their end
Identifying Challenges

**Step 2: Identifying Common Errors**

- Surveyed five articles from issues of each journal that published in 2020
- Frequent errors
  - Reading order
  - Section headings
  - Alt-text
Next Steps

- Step 3: Training
  - Targeted for Summer 2021
  - Piloting with *Gulf and Caribbean Research*
  - Initially focus on new articles
  - Evaluate training and then roll out to other journals
The Way Forward

• Remediation for Backfiles
• In-house support?
• Improving the workflow?
Questions?

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