**Report of the Meeting of CSIR OA Coordinators, Goa**

The CSIR Open Access Committee members had a meeting with Lab Coordinators of all CSIR laboratories in Goa from 18 – 19 October 2011.

The meet was held to discuss various issues involved in setting up Institutional Repositories at each of the laboratories.

The Coordinators were briefed about the CSIR CENTRAL harvester website. The website basically harvests the IRs of the CSIR laboratories. In addition to the metadata of Institutional Repositories of few CSIR laboratories, the metadata of all CSIR publications (2001-2010) collected by NISCAIR has already been harvested by CSIR CENTRAL.

The CSIR open access mandate, the committee's decisions, operational manual and instructions, programme of Open Access Week, other related reading material and links to similar sites will be available on the CSIR CENTRAL.

Few of the coordinators shared their experiences in choosing the software, installation, setting up, populating with documents, the challenges faced and how they overcome the challenges.

There were few presentations on the second day. The first presentation was given by Dr. R. R. Hirwani, Chairman, CSIR Open Access Committee. He spoke on "Open Access Initiatives of CSIR". He briefed about the initiatives such as sensitizing the coordinators about the need for setting up repositories at the respective laboratories, populating with publications of atleast past ten years, proposed training programme, preparation of IR manual, celebration of open access week etc.

The second presentation was on "Institutional Repository Software: Features and Functionalities" by Mr. Francis Jayakanth from National Centre for Science Information, Bangalore. He explained about the various IR softwares that are commonly used, features like data capture, describing of digital materials, providing access to metadata or full publication, sharing of metadata with other IRs and preservation for a longer period of time etc. He had also highlighted the key features and functionalities of these software systems. As a particular example, he talked about GNU EPrints – the freely available open source institutional repository software. He briefed about the hardware requirements, technologies used by EPrints, several advanced features, its popularity etc.

Mr. Pranesh Prakash, CIS-India talked about "Institutional Repositories and Copy Right Issues". He discussed about the various copyright issues involved in depositing the published papers. There are several authoritative website which gives the copyright policies of each and every publisher. He stressed that the authors should be aware of the Publisher copyright policies prior to submission of publications in the IRs. They may also verify the copyright policies from the respective publisher's website. The copyright policies should not deter one from depositing in IR. He also talked about Author's addendum. This was followed by lively discussion.

"CSIR HR Portal & IR implementation" was presented by Dr. G. Radhakrishnan, CSIR HQ. He briefed about the interlinking the R&D module of ERP Portal and IR. It will be mandatory to deposit the

publication in IR. There will be a provision for validating the submission in IR and ERP Portal. He stressed that the validated data will be added to the performance appraisal for evaluating the annual performance of the individual.

Dr. Tapaswi in his presentation on "Institutional Repositories and Harvesters @CSIR" threw some light on the current status of Institutional Repositories at CSIR laboratories. While some of them have full fledged repositories in place on the Internet, the others have them on the Intranet, and the rest of them are yet to start. He also briefed about the CSIR CENTRAL Harvester to the participants. He felt that the lack of training and lack of knowledge in installation of OS and software and non availability of trained manpower, lack of infrastructure, non availability of guidelines, publications and copyright concerns are some of the reasons for the less number of institutional repositories in CSIR system. He had also given few suggestions such as creating guidelines, policies, mandatory submission, creating awareness among the authors for improving the IR scenario in CSIR. As an example, he had presented the NIO IR case study.

The final presentation was made by Dr. Christina Birdie, Librarian, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore. She spoke on "Open Access Repositories: DST Initiatives". She gave a detailed picture of the DST IR initiatives. From her presentation, it was obvious that few of the DST institutes have well established IRs in place, while the few have their presence only on the Intranet, and the rest are in the verge of joining the DST IR club. She briefly show caused the DST IRs that are on the Internet.

The Committee recognized the efforts of the laboratories that are the pioneers in setting up IRs at their respective laboratories and are popular. Based on their initiation the CSIR Open Access Club categorized Platinum, Gold and Silver members.

The platinum member plaque was presented to

- The NIO Library team headed by Dr. Murari Tapaswi

- The NAL Library team headed by Dr. Poornima Narayana

The Gold member plaque was presented to

- The NML Library team headed by Dr. N.G. Goswami

- The CFTRI Library team headed by Dr. Geetha Seetharam

All the labs that set up and populate the IR by 31st December 2011 will be Silver Members.