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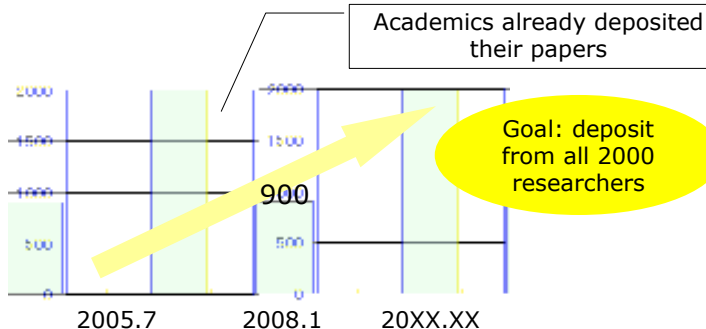
Our Approach to Increase the Participation of Researchers

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Summary

Hokkaido University started to build its institutional repository "HUSCAP" in July 2005. 2 years later, it contains over 20,000 items and the total number of downloads from HUSCAP amounts to 1,300,000. The number of researchers who contributed their papers to HUSCAP is about 900, yet it's only 45% of all researchers. To collect more material, we would like more researchers to contribute voluntarily to HUSCAP. So we are trying to promote the participation of academics. The goal is the offer of papers from all **2000 researchers** in our university.



Hokkaido University



Sapporo, JAPAN

18 faculties and 26 research centers

-2,082 full-time researchers

-6,303 graduate students

-11,914 undergraduates

2,500-3,000 papers a year (Web of Science)

HUSCAP:

Hokkaido University Collection of Scholarly and Academic Papers

Approach 1. Briefing sessions

We have been holding explanatory meetings in almost all faculties last year. More than **400** researchers attended them. As a new approach, we sometimes performed a skit with participants about the relationship among EJ, university and researchers with participants and it was received well.

During Qs and As period after the briefing sessions, we got frank opinions about HUSCAP from researchers. The issues of "differences between publisher version and author version" and "concern that various version of articles go into circulation" became popular topics of conversation. Interchanges like these generate a new strategy to participate for authors. The result of the questionnaire showed almost all researchers have known about "HUSCAP" and they have seen the posters of HUSCAP in the campus.



A Skit about the relationships among EJ, University and Researchers

Approach 2. Messages from researchers



HUSCAP Letter

We get messages from researchers who have already provided their papers to HUSCAP and make use of them in PR activities.

"HUSCAP Letter" is our PR magazine. We interviewed researchers about their first thesis and their recent topics of research.

We also ran the story in the "Yuin(楡蔭)", which is our library bulletin. We explained the current state of HUSCAP and academic information distribution in that article. We introduced the following response from researchers.

"I'm glad if people who study research fields different from me read our article and I get honest reviews from them."

"If our article is read by photoelectronic researchers or researchers engaged in the applied development, I am very pleased. Anyway, I am surprised at the coincidence that our article was posted on HUSCAP as the 20,000th article, even though there are a lot of papers in HUSCAP."



Library bulletin, YUIN

Approach 3. E-mail service

The candidates for the monthly e-mail service (the download count) has expanded recently to the authors of bulletin. Unlike other articles, bulletin papers are registered in block, it was difficult to link download data and author's e-mail addresses.

"I was surprised to hear of my paper being accessed so often"



Approach 4. Display improvement

The display screen that shows the count of download became easy to see by using icons and bar graphs.



Conclusion

We are only halfway through the goal achievement, but our activities above are bringing results though only gradually. Recently, we released administration policy, which strongly recommends that all researchers publicize their papers on HUSCAP. We continue efforts combined with this policy to spread HUSCAP across researchers in Hokkaido University.

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