Curation Board Documentation

The OpenOrgs Curation Board: Framework and Responsibilities

The OpenOrgs Curation Board (The Board) is established as a committee within the OpenAIRE AMKE, dedicated to preserving the integrity and enhancing the quality of metadata contributions that pass to the OpenAIRE Graph service via OpenOrgs. This internal board plays a crucial role in ensuring that the curation process within the OpenOrgs service adheres to the highest standards of excellence and fairness.

The current Curation Board includes three members, but it can be expanded to include more. These are:

- Ivana Končić, OpenOrgs service manager, Ruđer Bošković Institute, Centre for Scientific Information, Croatia
- Martina Žugaj, Ruđer Bošković Institute, Centre for Scientific Information, Croatia
- Bojan Macan, Ruđer Bošković Institute, Centre for Scientific Information, Croatia

Purpose

The mission of The Board is to maintain the excellence and integrity of the OpenOrgs service by implementing a selection and oversight process for curators. This involves evaluating applicants' qualifications, ensuring fairness in the selection process, and providing ongoing support and training to curators to foster a well-informed and engaged community.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Board's responsibilities are multi-faceted and are aimed at enhancing the overall functionality and

quality of the OpenOrgs service. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

Oversight and Guidance

- Overseeing the overall quality and consistency of data curation within OpenOrgs. The Board might set standards, provide guidance and training to curators, and ensure adherence to best practices.

Curator Selection and Assessment

- Conducting regular reviews of current curators to assess engagement and performance.
- Continually developing and refining the application process to ensure a comprehensive evaluation of potential curators.
- Evaluating new curator applications, ensuring applicants meet eligibility criteria and possess the necessary knowledge, qualifications, and commitment.

Fair Selection Process

- Ensuring that the selection process for curators is equitable, transparent, open and merit based.
- Creating clear and publicly accessible criteria for curator selection to maintain transparency.
- Managing a structured application process that includes specific questions tailored to comprehensively assess each candidate.

Training and Development

- Overseeing the training of new curators to equip them with the necessary skills and understanding of the OpenOrgs service.
- Ensuring that both new and existing curators have access to training resources to maintain a high competency level.
- Regularly updating training materials to reflect any changes in the OpenOrgs process or standards, shaped by OpenAIRE Graph and/or third-party services.

Formalization of Roles and Responsibilities

- Ensuring that selected curators sign a Volunteer Statement which outlines their roles, responsibilities, and the standards they must uphold within the OpenOrgs curators community.

The OpenOrgs Curation Board plays a critical role in fostering a vibrant, knowledgeable, and responsible community within the OpenAIRE services and Open Science ecosystem. By adhering to a structured governance framework and executing its roles with integrity and transparency, The Board ensures that the OpenOrgs platform remains a model of quality and engagement for its participants. The continued success and growth of OpenOrgs depend on the diligent efforts of The Board and its commitment to excellence in curation and community engagement.