

Conference Report
FORCE2015
January 11 – 13, 2015
Oxford University, Oxfordshire, UK

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FORCE11 (The Future of Research Communications and E-scholarship)

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<http://www.force2015.org>

FORCE11 and Conference Overview

FORCE11 grew out of the [FORC](#) workshop held in Dagstuhl, Germany in August 2011, hence the “11” in FORCE11. It is a community of 1200+ scholars, librarians, archivists, publishers and research funders that has arisen organically to help facilitate change toward improved knowledge creation and sharing. The community aims to bring about a change in modern scholarly communications through the effective use of information technology. An important part of the FORCE11's work and annual conference is to gather and disseminate information to the Scholarly Communication community.

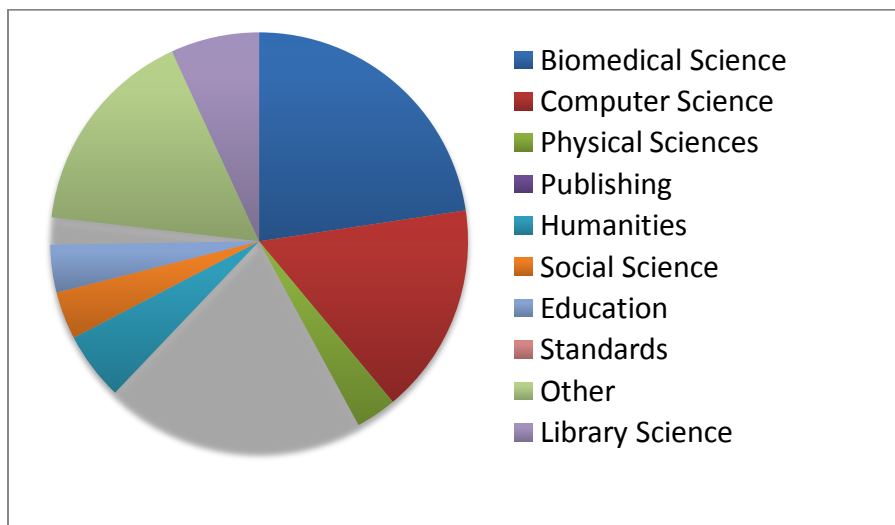
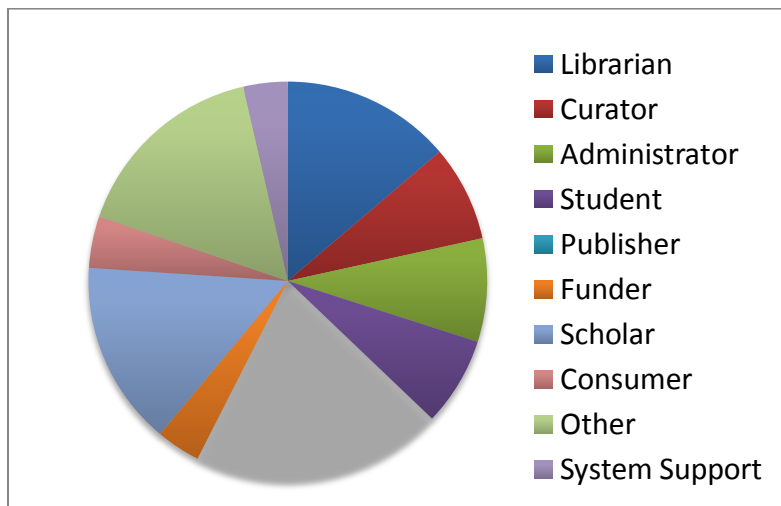
The FORCE2015 is the third in a series of conferences hosted by the FORCE11 Community. The first conference, [BTPDF1](#), was held in San Diego, California in 2011; the second conference, [BTPDF2](#), was held in Amsterdam, NL in 2013; and the most recent, [FORCE2015](#), was held in Oxford, UK in 2015. The FORCE2015 meeting lasted 2.5 days, and the [agenda](#) included seven [pre-conference workshops](#), four invited [keynote](#) presentations, nine topic session, a hackathon, and a [poster/demo session](#) with 74 presenters.

The topics presented were organized around the following themes:

- Presentation and Viewing of Volume 1 of *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society* (1665-6)
- Data Citation and FAIR Data Principles
- Valuing the Diversity of Scholarly Impact
- Managing Data
- Transparency, Validation and Reproducibility
- Libraries at Scale: Global Partnerships and Scholarly Access
- Credit Where Credit Is Due
- Vision Session: Future Tools
- Innovative Funding Models
- Geek Out Session; Featuring Selected Demos

Attendance by Registration Type

General (£250/£350)	179
Students (£75/£85)	13
Complimentary (includes student travel fellows)	61
On-site	2
TOTAL	255



Twitter Outreach

Twitter Statistics during the conference:

5,313 Tweets
114,194 Accounts Reached
143,209 Impressions

Twitter Archive: http://figshare.com/articles/FORCE2015_Twitter_Archive/1289317

Twitter Statistics: <http://tweetreach.com/reports/12772263>

Streaming Video

The sessions on Monday and Tuesday were recorded and live streamed to provide viewing for those who were unable to attend the conference. All sessions were recorded and have been posted on the [River Valley Technologies](#) website and the [FORCE2015 website](#)

The following are the Streaming Video Views during the conference:

Date	Concurrent views	Live viewer hours	Total views
12-Jan-2015	319	201.36	421
13-Jan-2015	213	121.22	301

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Final Agenda ([Details](#))

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 – Pre-conference workshops		
Start Time	End Time	Session
08:00	18:00	Registration
08:30	13:00	Do we Know How to Cite Date? If so, let's go (limited space)
13:00	16:00	Future Commons (open to all)
13:00	18:00	Contribution and Attribution in the Context of Scholar (open to all)
13:00	18:00	Data Citation Support in Reference Managers (open to all)
13:00	18:00	Workshop: Wikimedia as a Platform for Science Communication (open to all)
13:00	18:00	Common APIs for FAIR Data Repositories (open to all)
15:00	18:00	ContentMine Workshop (open to all)
18:00	24:00	HACKATHON! - Sponsored by CrossRef
MONDAY, JANUARY 12		
08:00	18:00	Registration
08:00	09:00	Light breakfast: Coffee, tea and pastries
09:00	09:15	Opening Session: Introductions and Updates
09:15	09:25	Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society (1665-6)
09:25	10:30	Keynote: Communication with a Crowd: Lessons from Citizen Science Chris Lintott, University of Oxford
10:30	11:00	Coffee Break
11:00	11:30	Updates from 1K and FORCE11 Activities
11:30	12:45	Session: Valuing the Diversity of Scholarly Impact in a Networked World
12:45	14:15	Lunch and Tour to visit Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society
14:15	15:15	Keynote: Managing Data: The Long View Amy Friedlander, National Science Foundation
15:15	15:45	Ice Cream Break - Sponsored by Elsevier and Mendeley
15:45	17:00	Panel: True or False? Transparency, Validation, and Reproducibility of Research in Scholarly Communication
17:00	17:05	Demo Previews

17:05	17:30	Session: Summary of Day
18:30	21:30	Data, Demos, and Drinks: Posters and demos reception
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13		
Start Time	End Time	Session
07:00	18:00	Registration
08:00	09:00	Light breakfast: Coffee, tea and pastries
09:00	10:00	Keynote: Libraries of Scale: Global Partnerships and Scholarly Access Sarah Thomas, Harvard University
10:00	10:15	Coffee Break
10:15	11:30	Vision Session : 5-minute Flash Talks - Great Ideas!
11:30	13:00	Session: Credit Where Credit is Due
13:00	14:15	Grab a Box Lunch and Join a Birds of Feather Group
14:15	15:30	Panel: Funding Panel: Innovative Funding Models
15:30	16:15	Session: Outcomes from Breakout Sessions and Workshops
16:15	16:45	Traditional English Tea Break
16:45	18:00	Session: Geek Out - Research on the Web
18:00	18:30	Closing Session: Where Have We Been and Where are We Going as a Community? Phil Bourne, Associate Director of Data Science, NIH
18:30		Closing Remarks: Announce winners of Vision Session Awards and Demo/Poster Awards

CONFERENCE AWARDS

Awards were given for Best Poster, Best Demo and Best Vision Session Presentation.

Vision Session Awards

The FORCE2015 Vision & Great Ideas session, inspired by Robin Williams' remark, "No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world," gave attendees a chance to bring up an idea that might help change the future of scholarly communication. Anita Bandrowski, Theodora Bloom, and Daniel S. Katz organized the submission and acceptance process, and ran the session. Three speakers were awarded prizes based on audience feedback immediately after the presentations.

1st Place - Multimedia Interactive Policy Research: What's That?

Javier Guillot, Bruno Paschoal, and Caio Werneck, Hertie School of Governance – Berlin

2nd Place - Goodbye Static, it's Time for Interactive and Dynamic Publishing

Rebecca Lawrence, F1000 Research Ltd

3rd Place - Why are we so Attached to Attachments? Let's Ditch them and Improve Publishing

Kaveh Bazargan, River Valley Technologies

Poster and Demo Awards

The FORCE 2015 Poster and Demo awards were given to highlight the most interesting, exciting and unique thoughts, ideas and technology for changing the future of research communication. An initial committee Kaitlin Thaney, Paul Groth, Paul Groth, Arfon Smith and Ian Mulvany curated the submissions. During the conference a jury consisting of David De Roure, Anita de Waard, Geoffrey Bilder and Paul Groth, selected the 3 award winners below. The jury was looking for uniqueness, applicability, insightfulness and quality of presentation. The following awards were given:

Best Poster Award

101 Innovations in Scholarly Communication: the Changing Research Workflow

Presenter: Bianca Kramer, Utrecht University Library

Co-Presenter: Jeroen Bosman

Jedi Poster Award

Making the whole research map available: interactivity and multimedia in policy research

Presenter: Bruno Paschoal, Hertie School of Governance

Co-Presenter: Caio Wemeck and Javier Guillot

Best Demo

ResQuotes.com: Turn your Notes and Highlights into Research Ideas

Presenter: Michele Pasin

1k Challenge

The 1k Challenge is becoming a tradition of the FORCE11 conference series. The conference attendees are provided a question and asked to submit their ideas related to the question, the list is posted and the FORCE11 community votes on the best submission. That individual or group who wins receives a check for 1k and a location on the FORCE11 website to document their work. For the FORCE2015 conference, the question “What would you do with 1k today to make research communication better, anticipating the increasing scale of people and machines?” The community members submitted a total of [21 ideas](#) and the winner was: [“Crowdreviewing: the sharing economy at its finest”](#) submitted by Werner Liebrechts.

Travel Fellowships

Travel Fellowships were available through generous donations from NSF, Elsevier, Moore Foundation, PLOS and the Sloan Foundation. A total of 66 applications were received and a total of 37 individuals including students, post-docs and speakers received a total of USD\$45,674 in funding to attend the conference.

In addition to the FORCE11 1200+ members, an invitation was also sent for travel funding application to the following organizations:

- [American Indian Science & Engineering Society \(AISES\)](#)
- [Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science](#)
- [Society of Hispanics in Science and Engineering](#)
- [Society of Mexican American Engineers & Scientists](#)
- [Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering](#)
- [National Society of Black Engineers](#)
- [Society for Women's Health Research](#)
- [Association for Women in Computing](#)
- [Association for Women in Science](#)
- [United Negro College Fund](#)

FORCE2015 CONFERENCE TRAVEL FUNDING

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Type	Nationality	Country	Funding
Sally	Deffor	University of Central Lancashire	PhD	Ghanaian	UK	Elsevier
Felix	Hoffmann	University Freiburg	Diplom	Germany	Germany	Elsevier
Marielle	Ramaekers	Wageningen University	PhD	Dutch	NL	Elsevier
Svajūnas	Sajavičius	Vilnius University	Not applicable	Lithuanian	Lithuania	Elsevier
Winnie	Tam	Loughborough University	PhD	British and Chinese	UK	Elsevier
Dennys	Antonialli	University of São Paulo (USP)	PhD	Brazilian	Brazil	Moore
Nicolaie	Constantinescu	Kosson Community - home of ROMANIAN OA	PhD	Romanian	Romania	Moore
Josique	Lorenzo	CATIE - Centre Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza	Starting a PhD	Spanish/Canadian	Costa Rica	Moore
Manju	Naika	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	N/A	Indian	India	Moore
Aline	Rosset	University of Central Asia	N/A	Switzerland	Kyrgyzstan	Moore
Arul George	Scaria	National Law University, Delhi	N/A	Indian	India	Moore
Kayla	Ueland	University of Lethbridge	PhD	Canadian	Canada	Moore
Zohreh	Zahedi	Leiden University & Persian Gulf	PhD	Iranian	NL	Moore

University (Iran)

Erin	Alberstat (Jarvis)	UC Berkeley	PhD	USA	USA	NSF
Marguerite	Avery	MIT	PhD	USA	USA	NSF
Jonathan	Cachat	UC Davis	PhD	USA	USA	NSF
Stephen	Diggs	UCSD - Scripps Institution of Oceanography		USA	USA	NSF
Tom	Gillespie	University of California San Diego	PhD	USA	USA	NSF
Mingyu	Hu	UCSD	PhD	USA	USA	NSF
Hermes	Huang	Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok	Master of Arts	USA	Thailand	NSF
Kriste	Krstovski	Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics	PhD	Macedonian	USA	NSF
Amy	Price	University of Oxford	DPhil	USA	USA	NSF
Najat	Saliba	American University of Beirut		USA	Lebanon	NSF
Jodi	Schneider	INRIA, Sophia Antipolis, France	(postdoc)	USA	USA	NSF
Randi	Vita	La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology	PhD	USA	USA	NSF
Nic	Weber	University of Illinois; Urbana-Champaign	PhD	USA	USA	NSF
Rachel	Wolfsohn	Peer Library	N/A	USA	USA	NSF
Alessia	Bardi	Istituto di Scienza e Tecnologie dell'Informazione "A. Faedo", National Research Council (ISTI-CNR), Pisa	PhD in Information Engineering	Italy	Italy	PLoS
Riya	de los Reyes	Hertie School of Governance	Masters in Public Policy (MPP)	Filipino/Philippines	Germany	PLoS
Javier	Guillot	Hertie School of Governance - Berlin	Masters of Public Policy	Colombian / German	Germany	PLoS
Bruno	Paschoal	Hertie School of Governance	Master in Public Policy (MPP)	Brazilian	Germany	PLoS
Ahmed	Shehata	Aberystwyth University- School of information studies	PhD	Egyptian	UK	PLoS
Dena	Tahvildari	Vrije University of Amsterdam	Doctoral Program	Iranian	Netherlands	PLoS
Dominika	Tkaczyk	Interdisciplinary Centre for Mathematical and Computational Modelling, University of Warsaw	PhD	Polish	Poland	PLoS
Caio	Werneck	Hertie School of Governance	MPP (Masters in Public Policy)	Brazilian	Germany	PLoS
Prashant	Gupta	University of Auckland	PhD in Computer Science	New Zealand	NZ	Sloan
Elena	Simukovic	University of Vienna, Department of Science and Technology Studies	PhD	Lithuanian	Austria	Sloan

Travel Fellowship Recipient Feedback

First Name	Last Name	FORCE2015 Conference Experience
Dennys	Antonialli	The conference provided me with invaluable information about new ways of publishing academic content and making it more useful and accessible, especially with regard to citations and sources. Even though I come from legal research, an area in which these debates have not been predominant yet, it was a good way for me to absorb the experience that has been applied in the natural sciences field and try to apply it to my own projects. It was particularly interesting to see the side of the funders, especially Dr. Amy Friedlander's keynote. Overall it was a terrific opportunity to brainstorm about what can be done from every stakeholder to make research more accessible, useful and impactful.
Margurite	Avery	I have been following Force11 from its inception and initial Beyond the PDF meeting though was never able to attend. It was truly excellent to be able to participate in real time, and to really gauge the response of the participants, which is difficult to do remotely. The poster session and demos were great, and offered a great space for broadening participation as well as meeting others.
Alessia	Bardi	As PhD student in information engineering, I have found the conference useful from several point of views: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the presence of different stakeholders and people with different backgrounds has been an opportunity to listen to several perspectives of common issues in scholarly communication 2. the visit to the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society has been a blast from the past. The speeches of the experts were really interesting and they provided me with priceless information 3. the huge number of posters and demos has been both a "good" and a "bad" thing. On one hand, the whole landscape of novel ideas in scholarly communication, on the other hand it was almost impossible to see all posters I was interested to (also because I had to be at my poster)
Jonathan	Cachat	As soon as the first session began, I was reminded of how special and unique the FORCE conferences are. This year was the first time I attended several library-centric conferences (DPLA, DLF, ARL, CNI), and frankly became increasingly frustrated with them. The topics were the same across each, there were no lively presentations or demos and everyone seemed to be content with this. Coming from these disheartening experiences, FORCE2015 arrived like a knight in shining armor. The attendees, program agenda, presentations and demos were engaging, lively and motivating. It was really pleasing to be reminded of just how cool and exciting it can be at the cutting edge of scholarly communication. For these reasons, I went back to my university and shared with my team - "if you are going to attend any conference in this space, FORCE is, hands-down, the number one, must attend event"
Nicolaie	Constantinescu	Having the opportunity to attend Force2015 in Oxford, it gave me an extended view of the global scholar communication community. I learned this conference is not a conference at all, but a community and more interlinked. New ideas and good projects gave out a picture of change and some highlights from the efforts of young researchers from the Southern hemisphere. With regards to technical side of the scholar communication, a possible system offering direct editing capabilities in the cloud stayed in my future expectations and a system of imputing data and research information into administrative operations (Brazil), I considered to be a spot gain attending this conference. And I've learned a new type of conference organization well balanced and sprinkled with good reflection moments (the live drawing was fab).
Riya	de los Reyes	As someone who is interested in ICT in research, information science, and in technology policy, the conference was an enriching experience for me. I am thankful for the opportunity to meet networks through this conference. I enjoyed the presentations and gained relevant ideas for things I want to do related to open access, for instance.
Sally	Deffor	FORCE2015 was a new experience for me because it is the first conference I have attended with such a diverse group of people (researchers, funders, librarians, techies) which was interesting. The discussions were really interesting but in one or two instances, I felt a bit alienated because I could not identify with the issue at that time being just a research student, for example. Overall, it broadened my knowledge base quite a lot and I especially picked up on several tools that I would somehow incorporate into my work going forward.

Tom	Gillespie	I learned an enormous amount at FORCE2015. It provided me with an excellent overview of what the community is working on in terms of technical and social projects. It also provided me with an opportunity to talk with experts who have been actively working to solve many of the engineering issues associated with new forms of scholarly communication. This meeting was especially unique because there were experts from so many different domains and often when a group from one discipline proposed to embark on a new venture there were people from other fields who had experience dealing with the same issue who could provide guidance and alert them to potential pitfalls. The opportunity to present my work as a poster was also very valuable since I don't often get to show it to experts outside my field.
Javier	Guillot	My participation at FORCE2015 was a one-of-a-kind opportunity to engage with the diverse and thriving community at the global cutting-edge of research and action in scholarly communication. In a team with two other colleagues who also received travel awards, we are currently creating an innovative start-up that aims to bridge the gap between researchers and practitioners in public policy, by combining already-existing tools and developing capabilities through hands-on educational experiences. We made the best of our participation at FORCE2015 by preparing a flash talk for the Vision Session that won the Best Vision award, and a poster describing our methodology that won the "Jedi Mind Tricks" award. Beyond this formal awards, we made a number of significant connections, some of which have already (just two weeks after the conference) been translated into on-going projects. The venue and logistics of the conference were fantastic. Thanks very much to everyone that made FORCE2015 possible, and special thanks to PLoS for the support -- without which it would have been impossible for me to go. I hope to become an active member of the FORCE11 community!
Prashant	Gupta	This was my first FORCE11 conference and I had an awesome experience and learnt a lot. Often we, PhD students, are not exposed to various facets of scholarly ecosystem, which are much needed to understand the scholarly culture in depth and the role we play in this ecosystem. FORCE2015 represented various stakeholders (scholars, funders, librarians, publishers, etc.) and gave an exposure to the different facets and their role in the scholarly ecosystem, which was very informative (at least to me). Further, I met various experts in the field and got feedback for my research. I also liked the idea of a more interactive style of conference, with a lot of discussions, pre-conference meetings and birds of a feather group.
Felix	Hoffmann	I had some very interesting discussions at Force2015, with people I hadn't met before. I found that the mix between students, librarians, publishers, academics and software developers in attendance kept the conference healthy and lively, although I would have wished for more representatives from a more free-spirited communities (free software, open science).
Mingyu	Hu	It was a great experience to meet working professional as well as grad students of many various fields. I think this conference brought together a good amount of diversity, but not so much that the conference was out of focus. The size of the group was large enough to meet many different people, but small and intimate enough to get to know and talk to everyone there.
Erin	Jarvis Alberstat	As a bench scientist who is surrounded predominantly by a research/bench science-focused community, it was fantastic to step back and hear from all the other players that are so important for improving the flow of science. At FORCE2015, I was exposed to so many different platforms, ideas, and works-in-progress that I wouldn't have otherwise, and I have already gained many new ideas and made several contacts that I have a very good feeling will turn into some really cool collaborations, and will help bring some of the ideas I already had about data communication into fruition. I feel like you can never really know ahead of time what you will "get" (and give) out of a conference, as so much of this depends on the random conversations that you just cannot predict ahead of time. FORCE2015 exceeded any expectations I had about the ideas, information, and potential collaborations I would gain. I look forward to keeping up-to-date with Force happenings, seeing what progress I can make on my own ideas by Force2016.
Kriste	Krstovski	Overall my FORCE2015 experience was great. I was able to present and obtain feedback on my ongoing research work. The poster session was a great venue where I was able to interact with researchers from different fields of science that share the same goal - better scholarly communication. During my poster presentation I had fruitful discussions and learned interesting ideas that I could incorporate in my work. The presentations across the various conference sessions helped me obtain a better view on variety of topics that I wasn't familiar with and/or didn't have the current information on.

Josique	Lorenzo	It was a great experience for me as part of the OCSN Network to participate in the FORCE 2015 Conference. I have learned a lot about a community I did not know that much about and thought there were some really exciting topics in some of the sessions. Our contribution brought a whole different perspective and as such I am happy that it was generally well-received and hope that it had at least a small impact on the views of the participants.
Manju	Naika	The conference offered me a great opportunity to interact with eminent researchers in the area of scholarly communication from all over the world. It provided me with an opportunity to learn about other cutting edge research in the area which is relevant to my PhD thesis. This conference participation benefits may not be measured immediately but definitively it helps every researcher in several ways to redefine scholarly communication process. All in all the conference offered me great experience. I would like to thank the organizers for your hard work, patience and cooperation for successfully conducting FORCE 2015 conference. I also would like to extend my sincere thanks for generously awarding Travel grant to attend the conference otherwise it would be impossible to attend such a great conference.
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Bruno	Paschoal	It was a great experience and I was happy to engage with the community. Overall, talks were nice and I've met interesting people there.
Amy	Price	Fabulous for knowledge, connections and resources. It was wonderful to meet people face to face for the first time after years of interaction on social media. I came away with innovative angles for solving my own research problem and I was encouraged by the interdisciplinary pool of resources. It was exciting to meet people who were in the active lets get it done camp rather than the perpetual planners. Welcoming and well planned yet with room and flexibility for change.
Aline	Rosset	Although I was not sure what to expect since it was my first time attending a FORCE conference, I am really glad that I came to Oxford. I was amazed by the diversity of the audience and by the attention everyone gave to all the presentations and inputs, even if it was not their main field of work and experience. I liked it very much that the audience was able to conduct controversial debates in an atmosphere of respect, humor and friendship. This is also the feeling I had while sitting on the panel, that the audience was very cooperative, ready to listen and get involved with topics that are not familiar to them. Thanks a lot and congratulations to the organizers, the sponsors and the participants for a very interesting, intense, interactive, instructive and innovative conference (5 i's :).
Svajūnas	Sajavičius	I appreciate a unique opportunity to participate in FORCE2015. Due to its interactivity, this conference was really non-traditional, exciting and productive event, where I have got deep understanding about recent trends in research communication and created a lot of new collegial relationships. FORCE2015 attracted amazing number of participants, both researchers and practitioners, who have one common goal – to change the future of research communication and e-scholarship. Impressive talks, as well as huge number of poster presentations or demos, presented a lot of novel ideas and promising tools. I believe that FORCE2011 community is powerful enough to change the future of scholarly communication and I am happy to be a part these changes.

Najat	Saliba	The conference grouped several stakeholders engaged in research publications. As the amount of data and information generated today can no longer fit under the current format of publications, it was only evident that a platform is created to meet and discuss future ways of communication and publications. I believe the conference is timely and presented both the challenges and some possible solutions in an interactive and very enriching setting. In fact, the discussion panels in every session were extremely informative and allowed a good exchange of ideas between the presenters and the audience. Other creative interventions like the wall sketch and the poster session were highly appreciated. Although I have been engaged in research for more than 10 years, I never considered attending a similar conference and I am grateful to the conference organisers for inviting me to this conference.
Arul	Scaria	FORCE2015 was a highly fruitful and enlightening conference. I particularly liked the diversity of the group. The keynote addresses were really thoughtful and the quality of presentations and posters in general were very good.
Jodi	Schneider	An excellent networking experience! Particularly appreciate having a conference with data managers, librarians, publishers, funders, and researchers from multiple different areas. Posters were fantastic -- diverse and novel. Interacted with several demos that showed what's going on in the space today.
Ahmed	Shehata	Attending Force2015 was a great experience for me as my PhD project is about the use of new technologies in scholarly communication. I was able to know what are the new innovations in scholarly communication and how scholarly communication is going to change. Also I was able to meet a number of experts in the field and have very interesting discussions in related topics
Elena	Simukovic	The topic of the conference is very relevant for my PhD thesis, therefore it was highly beneficial for me to attend all keynotes and discussions. The questions on the agenda went beyond the "typical" ones and triggered more reflexive considerations. All in all, I enjoyed attending the conference and am very grateful to the organizers for this opportunity.
Dominika	Tkaczyk	I am a programmer and a researcher interested in mining scientific publications. It was truly a great experience to attend FORCE15 conference. I learned about a lot of interesting tools (ContentMine, Rexplore) and planned projects (Libraccess). It was also very interesting to meet fellow researchers and people from the other side: potential users of tools developed by my team. It was also great to talk with people with similar research plans (Libraccess). I believe I found potential collaborators for the future, together we definitely can do more than separately.
Randi	Vita	It was great. I really enjoyed all the presentations and the opportunities to meet with exciting people.
Zohreh	Zahedi	It was a great pleasure to attend such a great event, especially to meet and get to know people from different industries! The travel grant was an excellent opportunity for me to attend which otherwise it was impossible for me to take part in the fruitful discussion happened during this conference. Thanks a lot for everything and the sponsors! I'm very interested to attend it every year.

Sponsorships

Industry sponsorships were available for the FORCE2015 conference through [sponsorship packages](#) that included multiple benefits for the sponsor. There were a total of eighteen (18) sponsoring organizations within the following categories: six (6) platinum sponsors, one (1) gold sponsor, three (3) silver sponsors, seven (7) bronze sponsors, one (1) travel award sponsor.

FORCE2015 Sponsors are shown in the following table.

Sponsoring Organization	Sponsorship type and Items	Confirmed US Dollars	Confirmed UK Pounds
Biocuration Society	Bronze - Best Poster/Demo prize		£500
Cross Ref	Silver - Hackathon		£1,500
Digital Science	Silver - Lanyards		£1,500
Elsevier/Mendeley	Platinum - (2) @ \$1,000 travel fellowship and Ice Cream Social		£8,200
Europe PMC	Bronze		£500

Moore	Platinum - (8) @ \$1,200 Travel Fellowship and Graphic Artist \$5,400	\$15,000	
NSF	Travel Fellowship - US Universities	\$25,000	
Overleaf (WriteLatex)	Bronze		£500
Oxford University Press	Platinum - Streaming Video		£6,200
Pensoft	Bronze - Vision Award		£500
PLOS	Platinum - \$5K Travel fellowships and \$5K challenge prizes	\$10,000	
River Valley Technologies	Gold Sponsor - Inkind Donation of Partial Streaming Video and Photography		
Royal Society of Chemistry	Silver - Delegate bags		£2,600
Science Exchange	Bronze		£500
Sloan	Platinum - (2) @ \$1K each travel fellowship; \$8K speaker expenses; \$5K Live streaming	\$15,000	
Software Sustainability Institute	Bronze		£500
Thomson Reuters	Platinum Sponsor - USB batteries		£7,000
Wiley	Bronze		£500

Budget/Final

FORCE2015	Actual	Budget
Income	\$180,780.38	\$158,088.00
Expenses	\$166,494.22	\$150,475.50
Total	\$14,286.16	\$7,612.50

Detailed Income

Registration	\$65,940.90
Sponsor	\$114,839.48

Detailed Expenses

AV/Streaming Video	\$9,548.40
Food/Facility	\$60,201.42
Graphic Artists	\$3,825.32
Graphics	\$840.96
Meeting Room	\$2,628.00
Poster Boards	\$3,363.84
Printing	\$1,210.63
Prizes and Awards	\$2,075.00
Registration	\$1,265.82
Reg Bags/Sponsor items	\$8,062.31
Speaker travel	\$8,933.71
Staff	\$18,205.54
Supplies	\$659.26
Travel Awards	\$45,674.00