Collaborative Consortial Institutional Repository

Evolving Consortial Needs

- Consortia merging and evolving to adapt to new fiscal realities.
- Cross-consortial partnerships seek ways to engage in deep collaboration.
- Economies of scale that are achieved through consortia can be applied in new areas.

Repository Landscape

- The majority of available repository solutions provide only single tenant installations, unsuitable for consortia.
- Commercial services that do offer hosting are expensive and not open source.
- Separate repositories at institutions create information silos.

Small Libraries and IRs

- Small libraries face large obstacles in standing up repository services.
- PALNI found that 70% of their members did not have a repository and 85% were interested in a consortial service.
- Solutions available to small libraries are feature-poor.

Challenging New Materials

- Modern IRs must support a multitude of new and emerging formats.
- In addition to scholarly materials, many libraries need a solution for Open Educational Resources.
- IRs may need to develop more than just hosting capacities.