



# Building a Canadian Community of Practice Around Research Impact

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# What's it like to work in bibliometrics?

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**Uncomfortably political**

**Can conflict with your values**

**Very detailed oriented**

**Few training opportunities and training is very expensive**

**Imposter syndrome**

**Exciting**

**Your supervisor may not understand what you're doing or why it's important**

**Most colleagues don't understand what you're doing or why it's important**

**Lonely**

**Isolating**

**Off the side of your desk**

**No support network**

**Trust is crucial**

**You often working for people who don't understand your work**

**Super steep learning curve**

**Some people will be angry that you're doing this work**

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# Intentions:

- Create a CoP for librarians, analysts, researchers, and vendors involved in the analysis of publications and research impact.
- As much as possible, have the community involved in sustaining this group
- Bring people together. This should be a place of support for all levels of knowledge.
- Canadian focus
- Engagement in learning.
- A place where comfort and reassurance can be found.

# CARL/ABRC

Canadian Association of Research Libraries  
Association des bibliothèques de recherche du Canada

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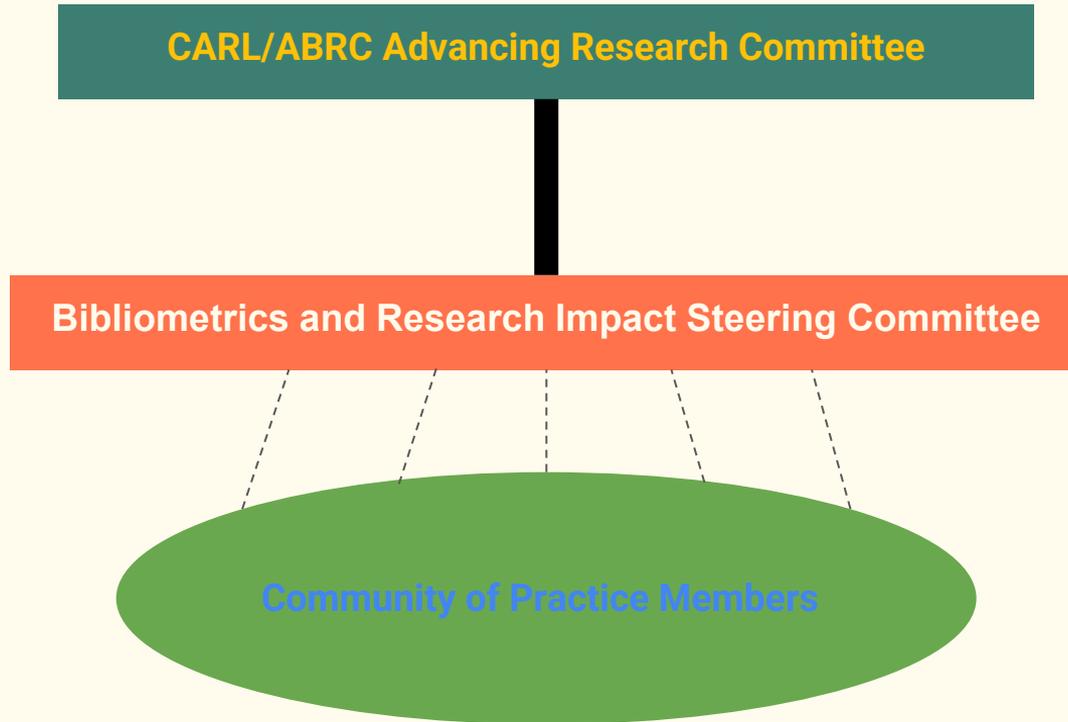
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# Organizational Structure:



# What we've done so far:

- Initial survey in late 2022
  - To gauge the interest of the participants
  - To find possible presenters and facilitators
  - Was quite successful
- Creation of the official steering committee
- List-serv
  - Set up with the support of CARL
- Second survey in late 2023
  - We received less answers
- Monthly book club

# What we've done so far:

- Multiple CoP Sessions, including:
  - Introductory meeting
  - Indexing Tools and Journal Level Indicators
  - The state of persistent identifiers for research in Canada
  - Research ID and Impact: An Introduction
  - Who is Responsible for Responsible Use of Metrics?
  - VOSviewer (bibliometric social network tool)
  - Social network analysis in knowledge mobilization work
  - SCOPE Framework for Research Evaluation
  - Session on knowledge mobilization
- Currently working on:
  - Lighting talk session: to involve the members more

# Lessons learned

<b>What worked well</b>	<b>What could be improved</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Administrative support from CARL</li><li>- Good community involvement</li><li>- Great attendance to the CoP</li><li>- Making the recordings available</li><li>- Varied topics</li><li>- Good learning opportunities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Aligning with CARL objectives</li><li>- Coordination of a relatively large steering committee</li><li>- Bilingualism</li><li>- Networking between the members</li></ul>

# Information

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