

Time Check: Ten Years of IR at the University of Jos



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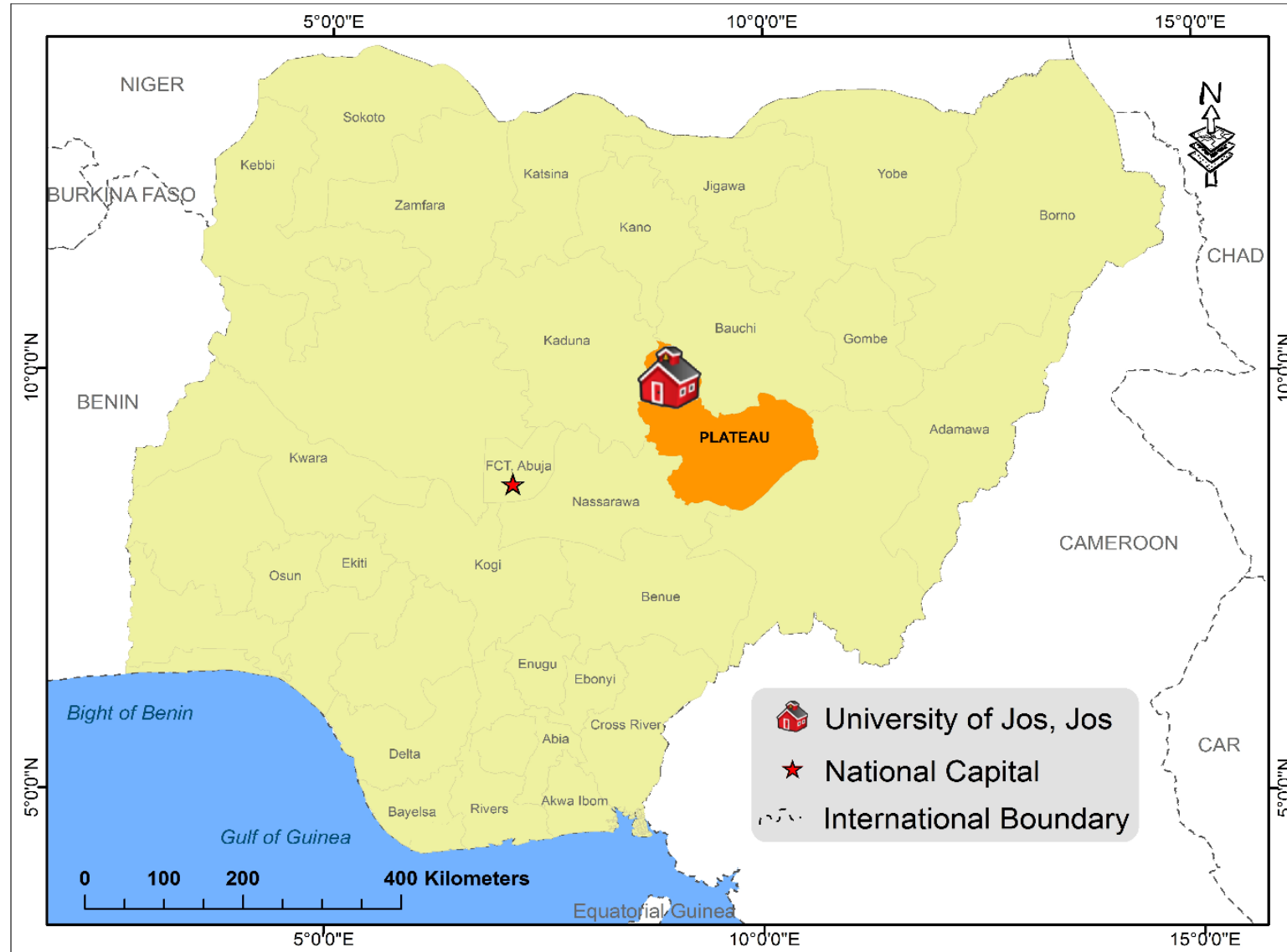
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Introduction

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Institutional Preparation

- ▶ Repository an initiative of the University Library
 - ▶ Created and managed by the library
- ▶ Collaborated with ICT to host
- ▶ Server initially in the Library
- ▶ Internet connectivity a challenge
- ▶ University policy of Central Datacentre made the library to take server to Datacentre in 2012
- ▶ In 2013, Datacenter gutted by fire
 - ▶ Several servers destroyed, including IR server - both main server and back-up
 - ▶ Lesson learnt

Institutional Acceptability



- ▶ Few academics accepted the idea of an open IR initially
 - ▶ Economic considerations
 - ▶ Fear of 'loss' of intellectual property
- ▶ Several trainings and sensitization programmes conducted
 - ▶ Lecturers taught how to self-archive
 - ▶ Systems Unit staff took the initiative, followed by Subject Librarians
- ▶ Display of hits and map of access to repository elicited excitement and motivation
- ▶ Some lecturers received communications for international collaborations following access to their publications in IR.



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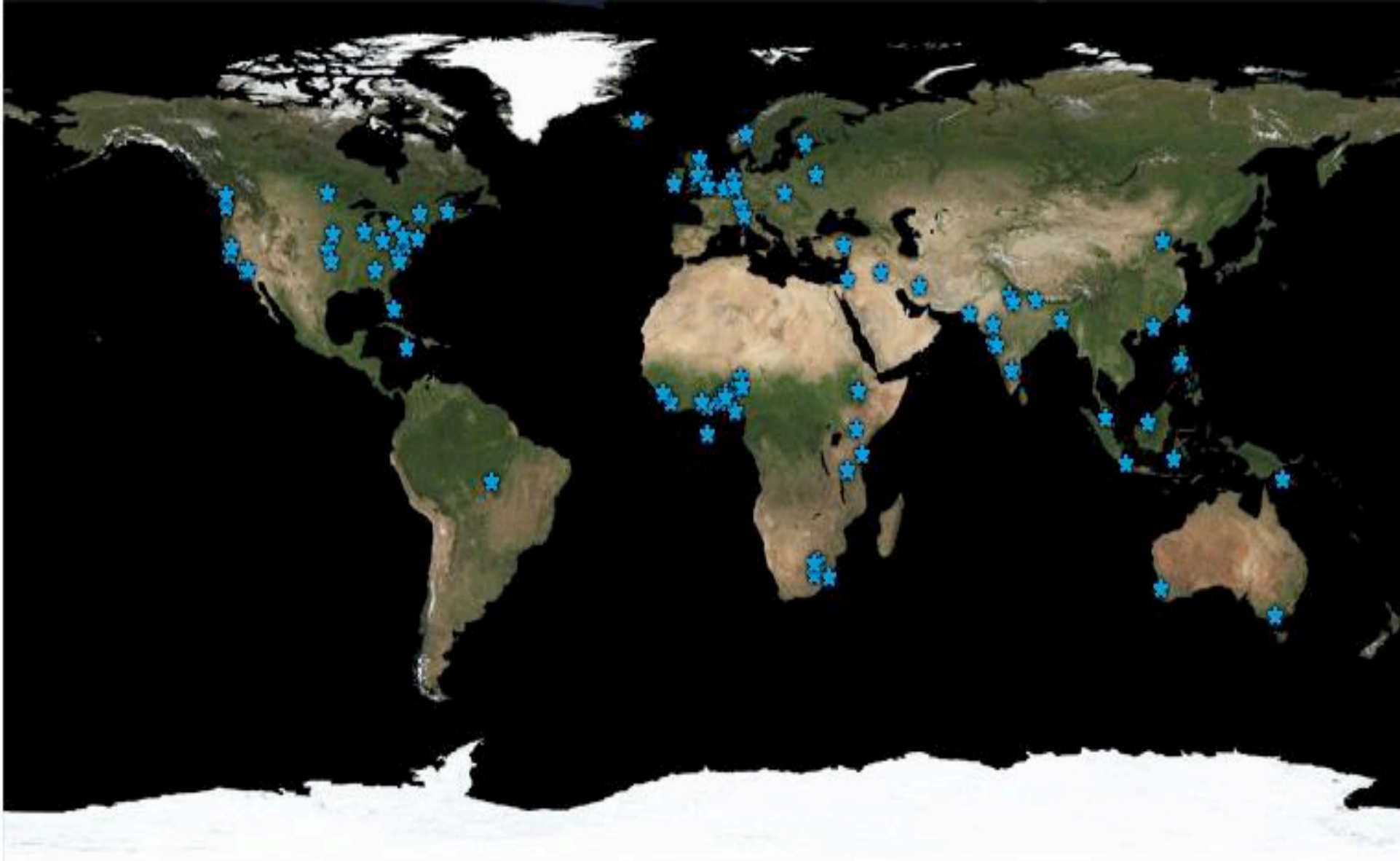
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Deposit Policy

- ▶ All publications for assessment for promotions to be submitted to the University Library for uploading into IR
- ▶ All digital copies of theses submitted to the School of Postgraduate Studies to be deposited in the Library for uploading into the IR.

Workflow

- ▶ Submit hard copies
 - ▶ Scan hard copy to digital using pdf
- ▶ Submit born-digital copies
 - ▶ Deal with queries
- ▶ Assign metadata
- ▶ Check and assign Creative Commons License
 - ▶ Deal with queries
- ▶ Publish

Research Problem



- ▶ Ten Years of Institutional Repository (IR) at the University of Jos:
<https://irepos.unijos.edu.ng>
 - ▶ IR launched in June 2009
 - ▶ First Nigerian repository
 - ▶ Gained immediate prominence
- ▶ What is the status today - ten years after?

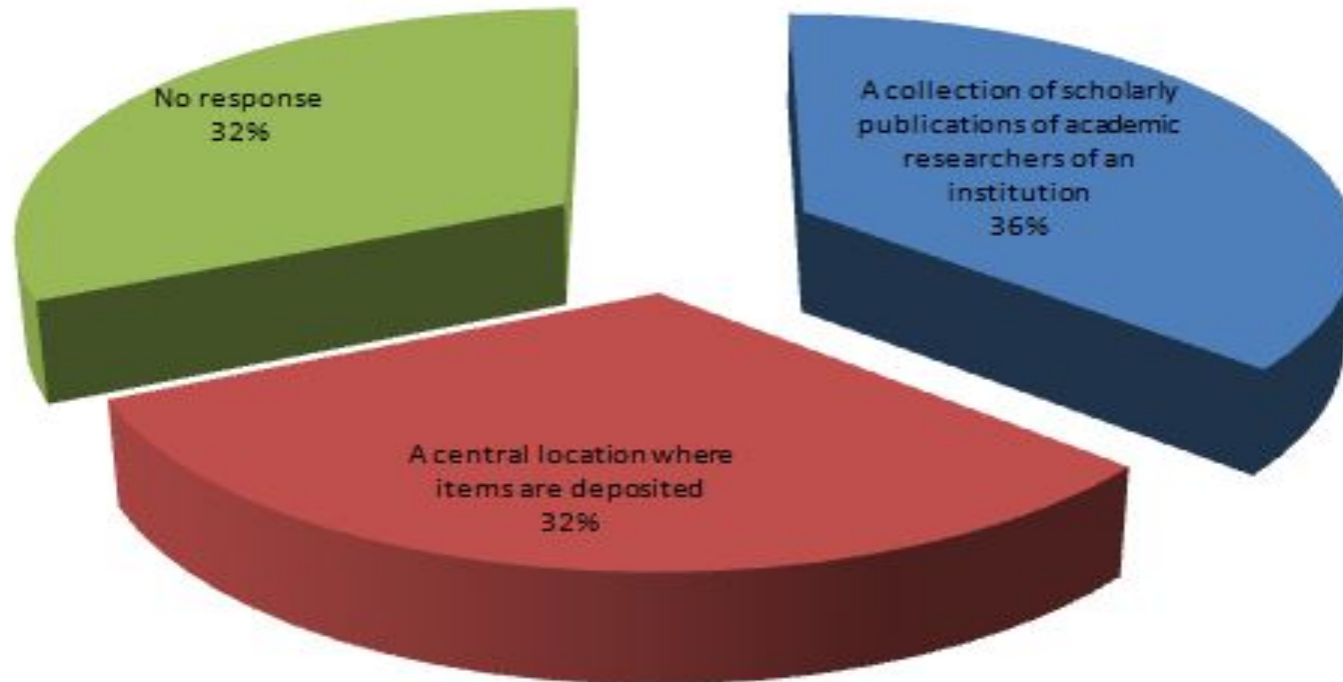
Methodology

- ▶ Social Survey
 - ▶ Observation
 - ▶ Questionnaire Administration
 - ▶ 200 questionnaires: 100 each for students and Lecturers
 - ▶ Students returned 79%
 - ▶ Lecturers are 25%
 - ▶ Focus Group Meetings
 - ▶ Five students
 - ▶ Four lecturers

Results

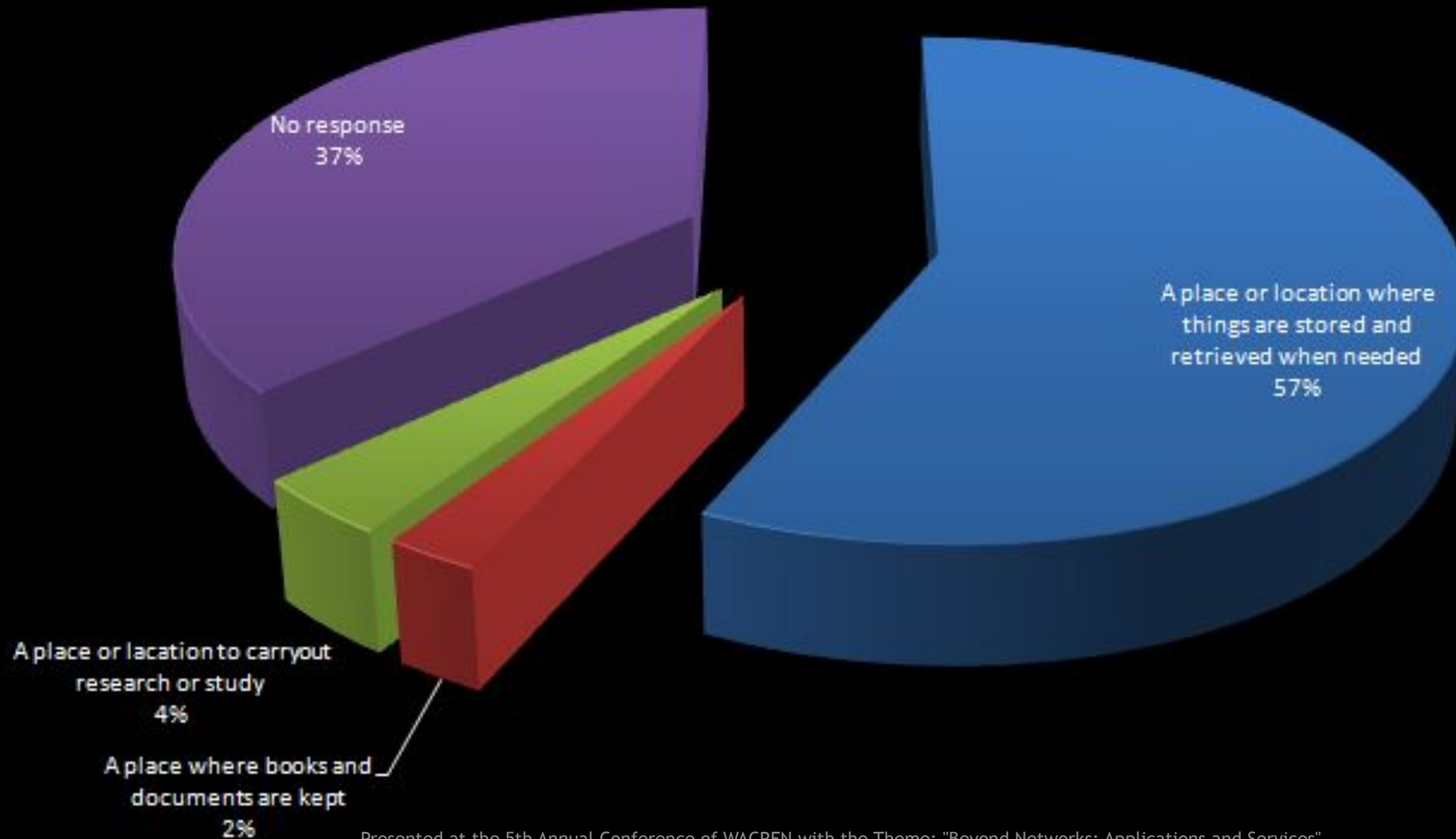


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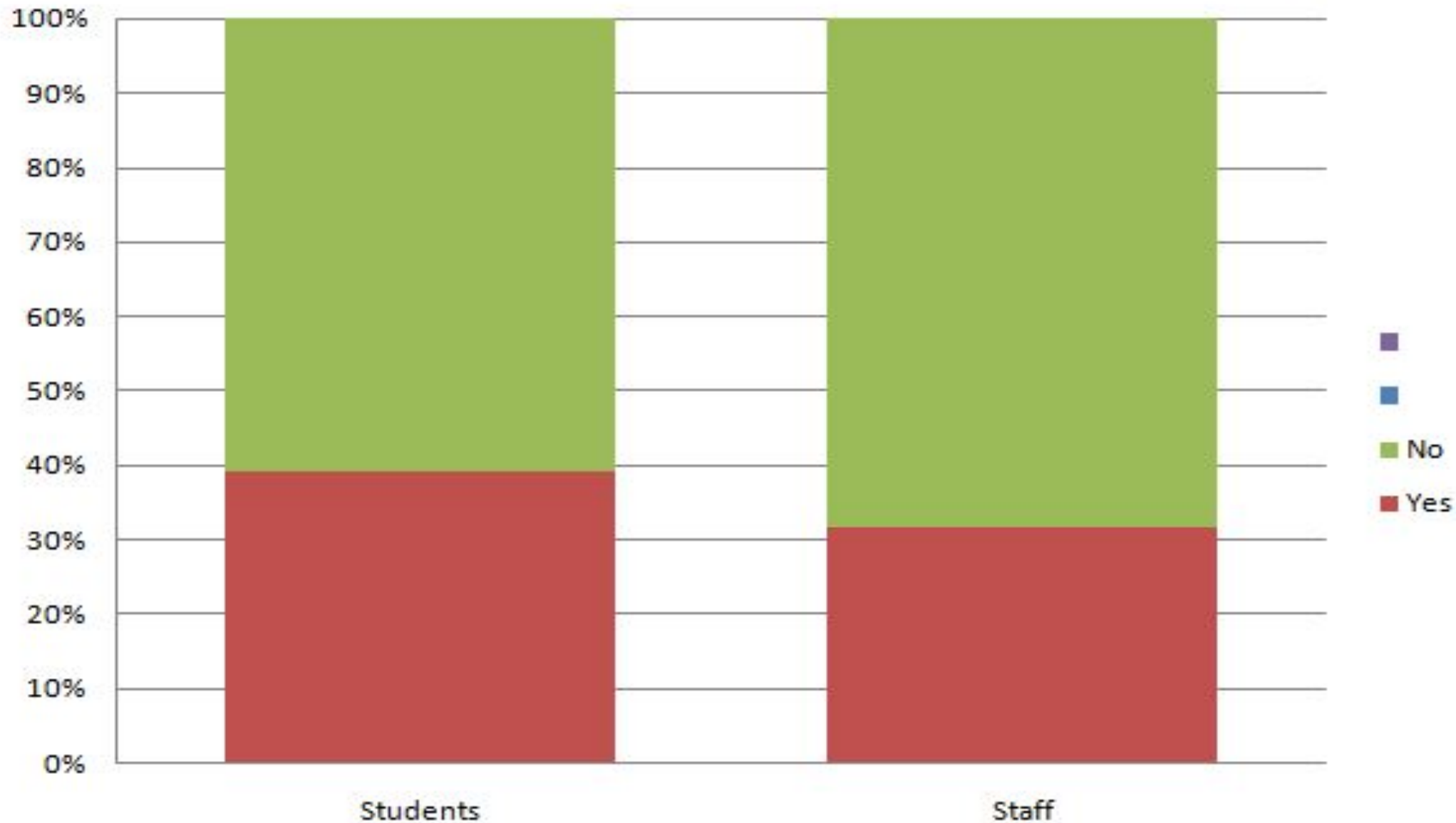
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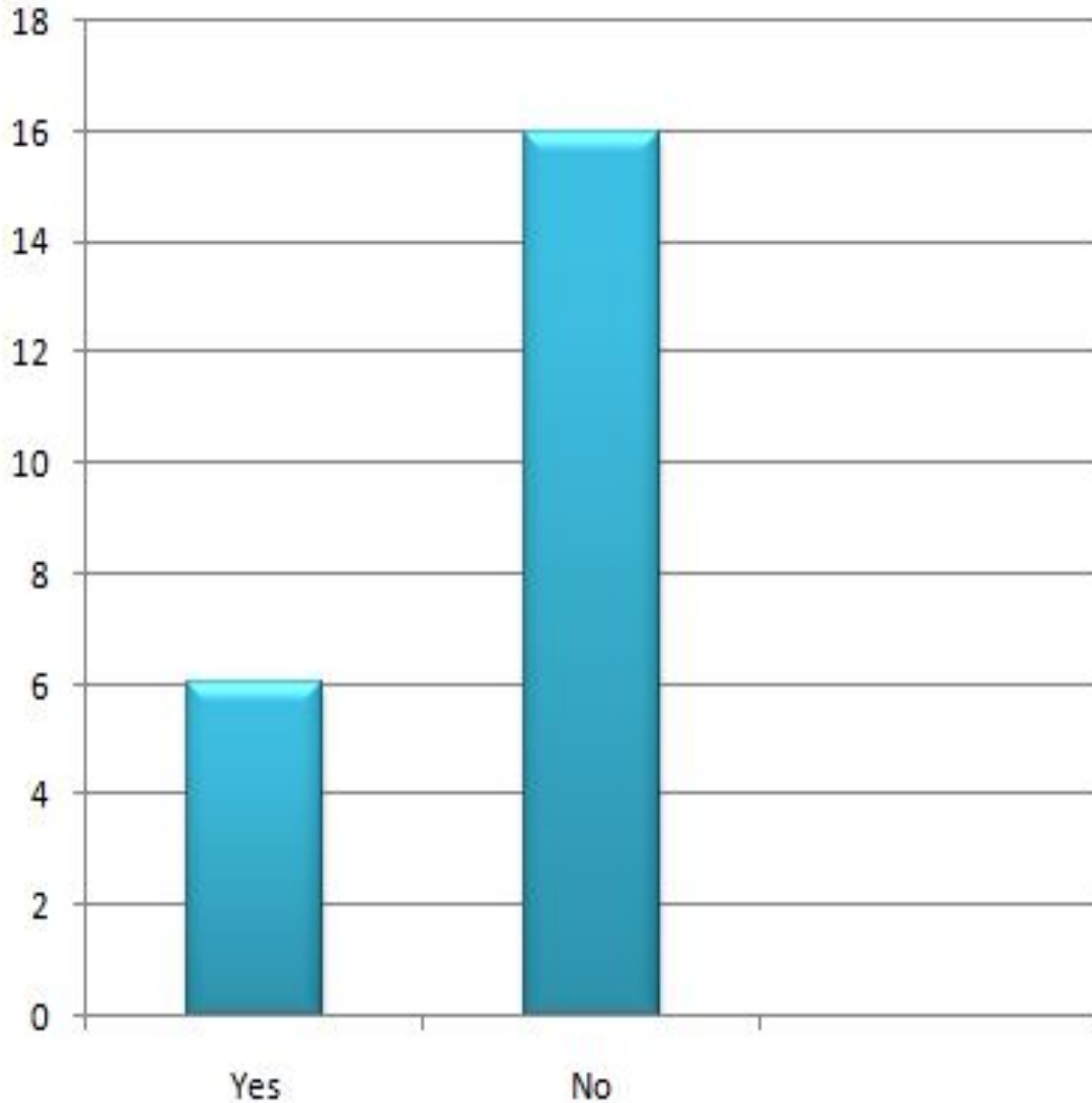
Definition of a Repository by Students



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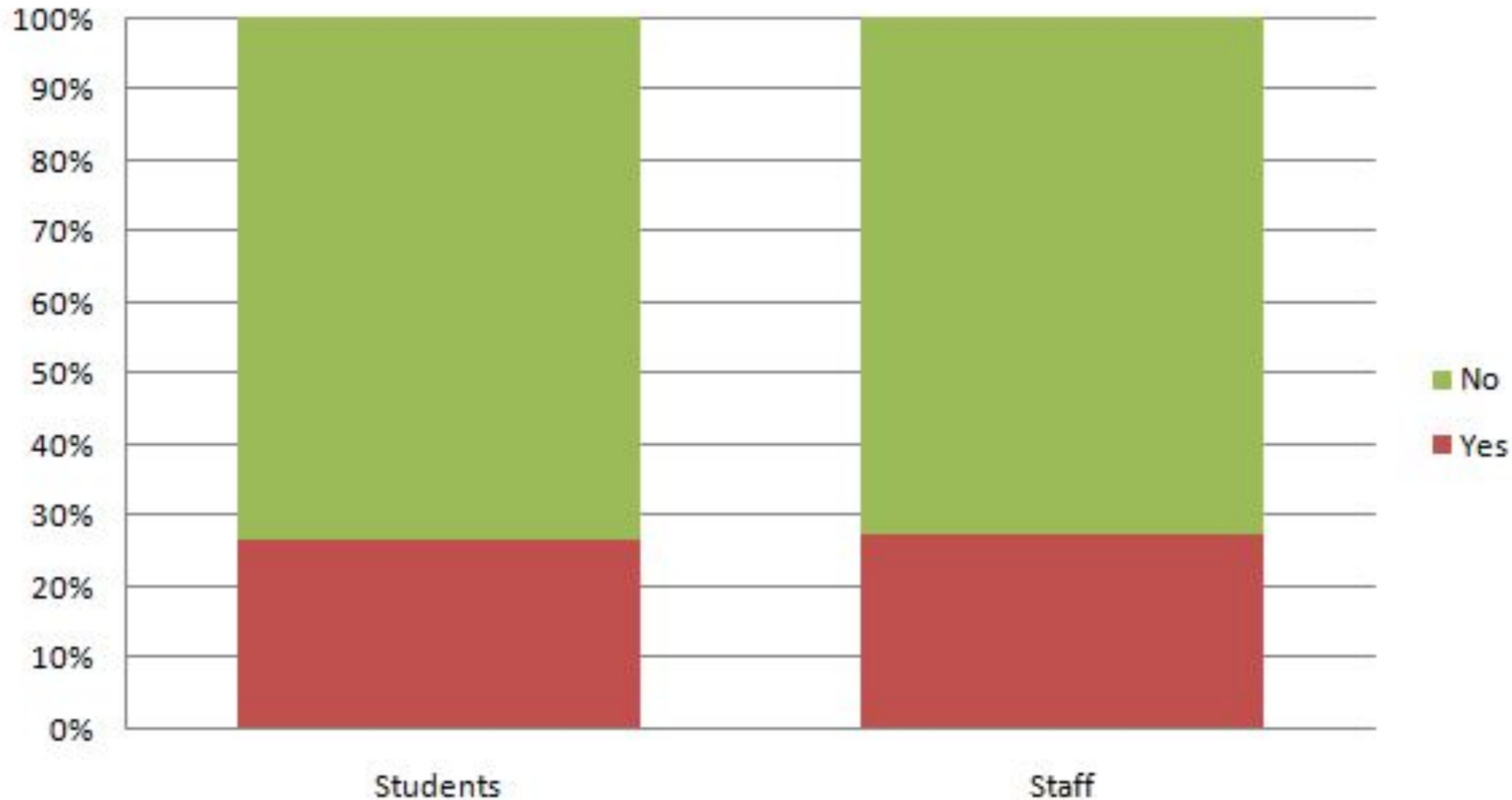
If the respondent had ever used the repository





■ If the respondent has his or her work(s) deposited in the repository

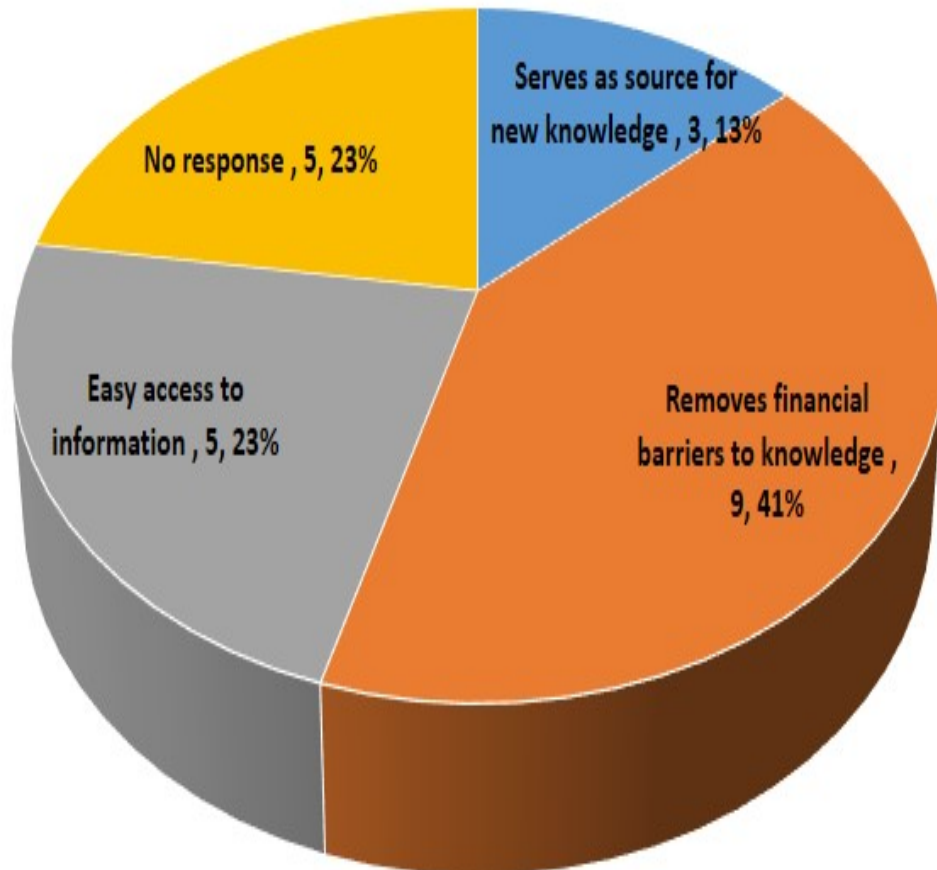
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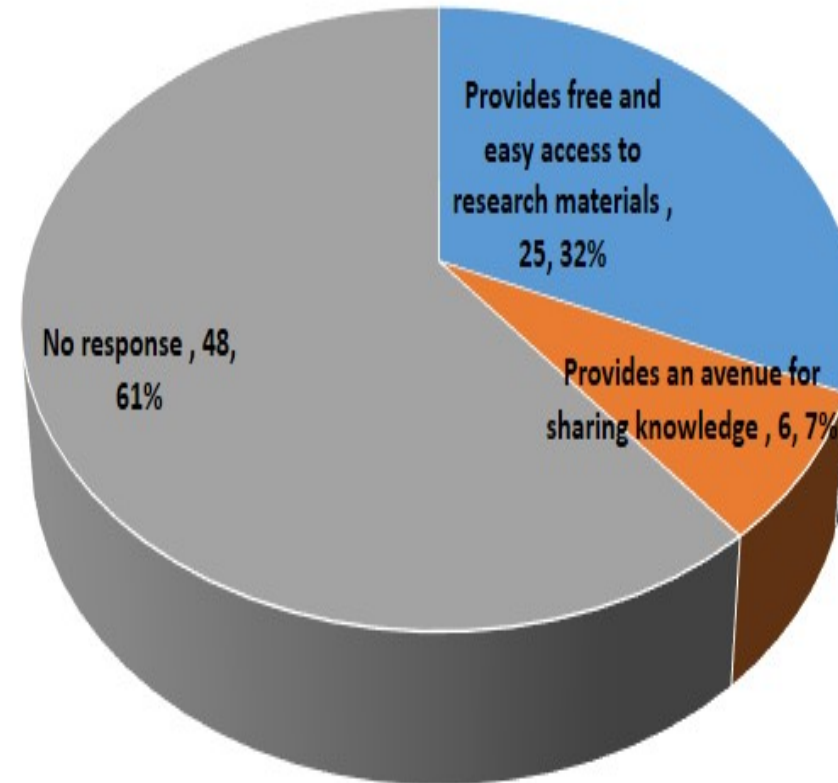
Contribution of open repository to knowledge



Lecturers

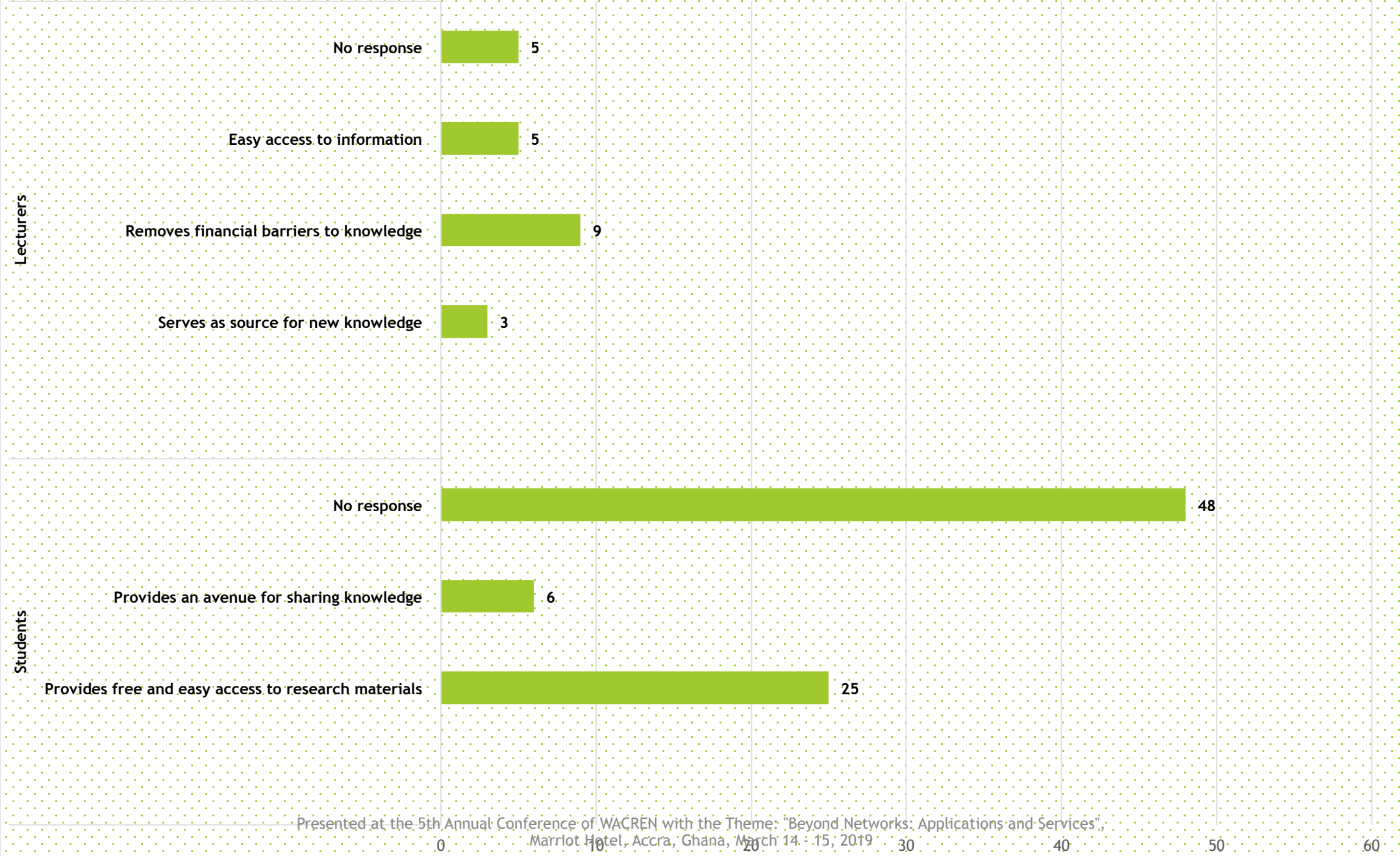


Students





Contribution of open repository to knowledge



Discussion of Results

- ▶ IR yet to make desirable impact on University community
- ▶ Awareness is still low
- ▶ Ineffective promotion of IR by Library staff?
- ▶ Adoption of technology low?
 - ▶ Radical paradigm shift in learning needed?
- ▶ Promote IR:
 - ▶ Through social media
 - ▶ As starting point for student Literature Review
 - ▶ By enforcement of policy on deposit of publications

Contribution of IR to Knowledge

- ▶ Students and Lecturers agree that:
 - ▶ Repositories critical for consolidation and advancement of knowledge
 - ▶ Librarians therefore must explore every acceptable means of getting repository used
 - ▶ Discoverability strategic in promotion

Conclusion

- ▶ IR in Unijos enjoyed good publicity and accessibility at inception
 - ▶ This needs to be sustained
- ▶ University needs paradigm shift to engage students and lecturers in the use of technology for research, teaching and learning
- ▶ The Library needs to mount innovative awareness programmes
- ▶ IR provides strong support for research and learning.

