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Completion Report for the Arctic Council Open Access Archive as of September 2015.

Next Steps

At the June 2015 SAO Executive meeting, the SAOs instructed the ACS and the six working groups to complete the work on the Open Access repository by September 2015.

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