



open access information platform

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“An old tradition and a new technology have converged to make possible an unprecedented public good.”

(<http://www.soros.org/openaccess/read.shtml>)

The aim of the platform is to offer a centralised and comfortable introduction to the topic of open access by bringing together quality information sources which are already available on the web. It will also provide practical help to aid the implementation of open access.

Aims of the information platform open-access.net

- Bringing together scattered sources and services to do with open access
- Creating a transparent and clearly laid out overview of the range of topics to do with open access
- Preparing relevant information aimed at particular target groups through subject-specific and role-oriented access points
- Providing practical help for implementation and advocacy
- Sharing experience through a forum for experts in the form of a moderated mailing list
- Contributing a wealth of content through a cooperative network of relevant academic organisations and institutions
- Visualising the open access idea through the formation of a broad alliance

Target groups

- Scholars
- Directors of Higher Education and research institutions
- Libraries
- Funding bodies
- Political decision makers
- Publishers
- The wider public

Structural Design

Topical access points

- What is open access?
 - Publication strategies
 - Journals
 - Repositories
 - Open access to data
 - History
 - Initiatives and policy papers
- Reasons for and reservations about OA
- Business models
- Legal aspects
 - Copyright law
 - Licensing
 - Data protection
- Practical implementation (FAQ)

Subject-specific access points

Role-oriented access points with FAQ on practical implementation

- Authors
- Journal editors
- Repository providers
- Directors of Higher Education institutions
- Libraries
- Funding bodies
- Publishers

Information provided by

Exchange of/Further information via

Contents

Open access: free access to academic information

Publication strategies

- Self-archiving on document servers
- Original publications in open access journals

Quality assurance

- Peer Review
- Collaborate Peer Review

Policy papers

- e.g. Berlin Declaration
- Policy papers of research institutions and universities

Reasons for OA

- Visibility/impact
- Increased use/citations
- Up-to-dateness
- Integration of data
- Immediate availability

Reservations about OA

- Long-term preservation
- Discoverability
- Authenticity
- Protection of documents
- Costs to the author

Business models for publishing open access

- For-profit-/Non-profit open access journals
- Pay-to-publish
- Costs met by institutions
- Institutional membership
- Costs met by funding bodies
- Hybrid financial models

Legal questions

- Copyright
- OA und the copyright reform
- Transfer of use rights
- SHERPA/RoMEO list
- Publisher contracts
- Licensing
- Data protection

Particularities of different subjects

Activities concerning OA
Special types of publication

Open access journals
e.g. FQS, PLoS, Zeitenblicke

Repositories
z.B. ArXiv, PsyDok

Access for authors: FAQ on publication in an open access journal

What do I need to do if I want to publish my document in an open access journal?

Where can I find help with choosing an open access journal?

What do I need to consider when submitting a manuscript?

What are the technical requirements my manuscript must adhere to?

Who pays for publishing in an open access journal?

What are the options for getting help with funding?

What are the options for publishing monographs via open access?

What are the options for publishing dissertations via open access?

Access for authors: FAQ on legal aspects

What do I need to consider when publishing in an OA journal?

May I deposit articles which have already been published in journals in a document server?

What do I need to consider when signing a contract with a publisher?

What do I need to be aware of regarding the transfer of rights between copyright owner and user?

How can I protect my document from unauthorised modifications?

Can I still make commercial gain from the documents which I have published via open access?

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