Study of Open Access Publishing (SOAP) – An Introduction

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Project description

Study on Open Access Publishing (SOAP)

• will focus on the Golden Road to open access
• will describe and analyse open access business models
• will investigate researchers’ position towards open access
• is a two-year project running from March 2009 until Feb 2011
• is funded by the European Commission (FP7 Science and Society)
• provides data and information for the European Commision, libraries, funding agencies, publishers and researchers
Partners

Research Organizations, Funding Agencies and Publishers

[Logos of partner organizations]
Approach, Part 1

Qualitative and quantitative assessment of existing open access models

- Analysis of open access titles in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) with respect to business model, license, copyright, and more
- Analysis of prevalence of hybrid titles, and share of open access articles in hybrid journals among major publishers
- Timeline: End of 2009
Approach, Part 2

Large-scale survey among researchers on knowledge, understanding, attitudes, desires and practices towards open access

- Aim to widest coverage in disciplines and EU member states and beyond
- Collected data made available to the public for further analysis
- Survey to be released in early 2010

*Please watch out for our survey and support us in reaching your scholars!*
Approach, Part 3

Validation of results and knowledge extension with “litmus groups”

- Clustering of communities based on survey analysis
- “Litmus groups” case studies to complement survey and description of open access publishing models
- Results communicated to European Commission, libraries, funding agencies, publishers and researchers at the end of 2010
The Study of Open Access Publishing (SOAP) is a two-year project, funded by the European Commission under FP7 (Seventh Framework Programme - Capacities > Science in Society). This project runs from 1st March 2009 to 28th February 2011 and is co-ordinated by CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

The SOAP consortium represents key stakeholders such as publishers (Biomed Central Ltd (BMC), Sage Publications Ltd (SAGE) UK and Springer Science+Business Media Deutschland GmbH (SSBM)), funding agencies (Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) UK), libraries (Max-Planck Digital Library of the Max-Planck Society) and a broad spectrum of research disciplines, aiming to study the new open access business models that have emerged as a result of the shift from print to digital, understand and inform the European Commission and all stakeholders about the risks, opportunities and essential requirements for a smooth transition to open access publishing.

Open access: a concept that allows the results of publicly-funded research to be made available online without charge to the reader.

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Next Updates on SOAP

- Berlin 7 Open Access Conference
  December 2-4, 2009, Paris
- Academic Publishing in Europe (APE)
  January 19-20, 2010, Berlin (to be confirmed)
Summary

• Currently working on the data collection and analysis of open access journal titles from the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and exploring hybrid journals

• Results of all findings will be compiled in comprehensive reports to European Commission, libraries, funding agencies, publishers and researchers

Look out for our survey on open access and help to distribute it!
Thank you very much for your attention.

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