Information, Infrastructure, Involvement The open access agenda in Germany



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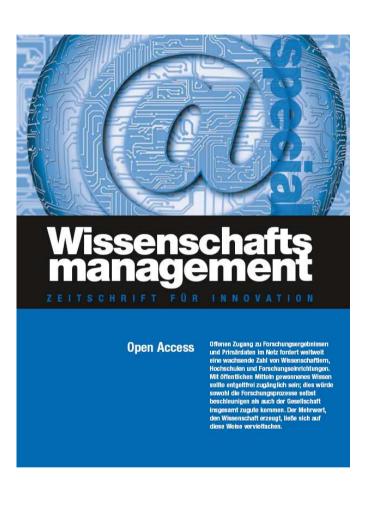
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Open Access within the Alliance of Research Organisations

As members of the so-called "Alliance", all major research organisations in Germany are interested in promoting open access. Due to the respective organisations's different character, emphasis is put on various aspects of the open access agenda.

- Max Planck Society
- Helmholtz Association
- Leibniz Association
- German Rector's Conference
- Fraunhofer Gesellschaft
- German Research Foundation

The Alliance prepared a special issue of the journal "Wissenschaftsmanagement" on open access, published in November 2006.



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Putting emphasis on different aspects of open access

Max Planck Society

The Max Planck Digital Library as central service unit is involved in the BMBFfunded project eSciDoc that provides a scholarly workbench as environment for electronic publishing, but also serves as the society's repository.

Helmholtz Association

Strong interest in supporting SCOAP³ as well as in open access to research data.

Leibniz Association

A working goup just prepared an open access policy taking into account the different needs of the very diverse institutes within the organisation that shall be issued by the end of 2007.

German Rector's Conference

issues papers and recommendations, organises workshops to inform and influence the university's top management.

Fraunhofer Gesellschaft

puts special emphasis on the "green road" and is interested in using the repository's contents for internal control and steering mechanisms.

German Research Foundation

funds various projects that aim at providing an efficient and comfortable open access information infrastructure.

The (national) oa information platform www.open-access.net

- is supported by the Alliance of research organisations, the German Initiative for Networked Information (DINI e.V.), the Volkswagen Stiftung, as well as some scholarly societies.
- targets academics and scientists as authors, scholarly societies, journal editors, librarians, funding agencies and research institutions, university management, the broader public
- allows navigating information on open access from a central focus.
- aims at providing information for the concrete implementation of open access.
- aims at connecting all players (in Germany and maybe soon in Switzerland and Austria ...?) who try to move open access forward.



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Information platform www.open-access.net



can be accessed from a content perspective, a role perspective, or from a subject perspective.

introduces into the concept of open access, explains the legal framework, covers the organisational and technical aspects of electronic publishing, reports on implementing open access in various academic communities, gives references to open access projects as well as to position papers, provides contact details, news and important dates, documents the discussion (in general as well as in regard to specific disciplines), and ...

an English version of the platform is highly desired ...

Information is essential for taking informed decisions in favour of open access, e.g. the German UNESCO Commission's handbook (available via <u>www.open-access.net</u>) and the Commission's resolution from 28. June 2007.

Multiplying open access

By internal open access networks and working groups consisting of researchers and librarians within the research organisations

Aegis

Testimonials by strong MPS supporters of open access which are used to promote open access

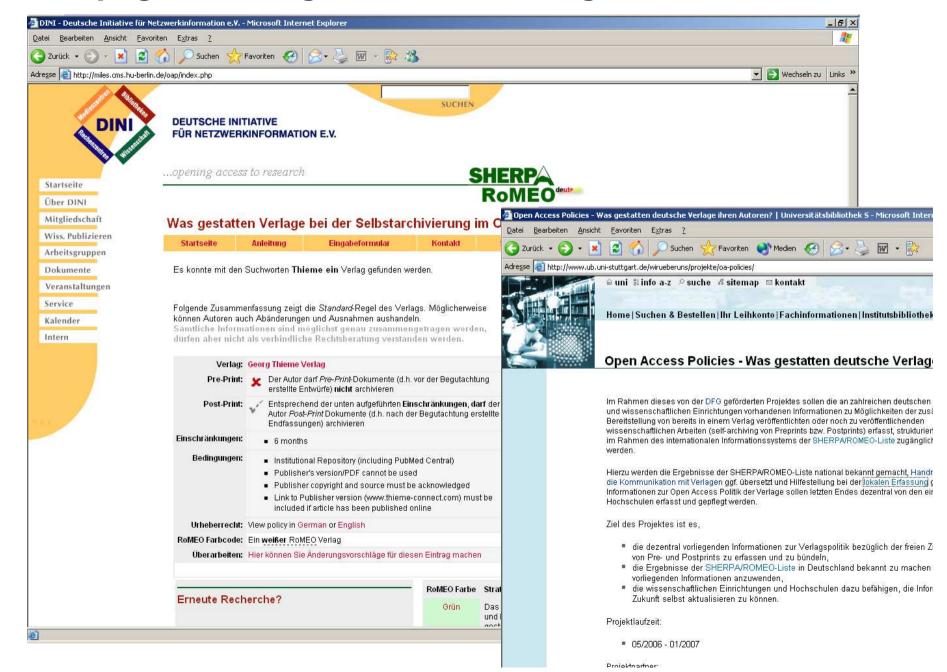
Leibniz Publik

Planned DFG-funded project that aims at digitising the works of the Leibniz award winners – the most prestigious scientific award in Germany – and providing them on the internet as proof for high quality open access

Especially preparing "Leibniz Publik" shows some concerns of researchers in regard to open access one has to deal with:

- Am I legally entitled to self-archive my papers or to have them archived?
- Should my monographs also be included into the digitization?
- Will publishing houses suffer from those activities and thus, in the long run, cease to offer services of value for me and my career?

Helping with the legal stuff - contributing to RoMEO



The "green road" of open access – developing the infrastructure

Strong support for the green road by all alliance organisations

- The Fraunhofer Gesellschaft mainly concentrated on building up a support structure for their authors, on informing them about open access and on improving the process of depositing.
- The Leibniz policy on open access will put special emphasis on self archiving.

MPS eDoc Server

- serves as an unique entry point to the accumulated research output of the MPS.
- Deposit Mandate for archiving all MPS publications and research data.

MPS eSciDoc

aims at international collaboration, at integrating multiple services, at an improved scientific cooperation e.g. by collaborative authoring or sharing of references.

German Network of Certified Repositories

- DFG-funding for establishing a network of DINI certified repositories.
- The network is intended as the German contribution to interconnecting repositories in the European Research Area via DRIVER.
- Focusses on the universities' institutional repositories, but has to include the MPS, Fraunhofer, Leibniz repositories as well in order to document the whole of the German research output.

The task: making repositories attractive for researchers

- Essential to build up premium services that make depositing research results into repositories attractive to researchers from all disciplines.
- The Fraunhofer Gesellschaft worked on a special registration process for electronic deposits and developed and implemented a technique that automatically notifies the collective rights society when a paper is archived.

That is the precondition for a compensation mechanism for authors.

The DFG funded the development of a demonstrator for usage statistics and of one for citation analysis on the basis of institutional repositories.

By the end of next week, the DFG's Committee on Academic Libraries and Information Systems will decide whether the services demonstrated are of such value to researchers that they could be implemented.

- SciDoc even provides an extensive list of possible usage scenarios that are designed to support and facilitate the future scholarly work e.g. annotation tools, search for concepts, extended digital editions, tools for non-textual searches (chemical structures), ...
- One could also imagine integrating an automated RoMEO request in the depositing process as an option attractive not only to researchers, but also to repository managers.

The golden road to open access

Providing grant money for author charges

- provision of a certain lump sum for publication fees by the DFG
- extension of article charge agreements for some journals (e.g. EGU, Nucleic Acid Research) by the MPS

Supporting the transition from subscription-based journals to open access

The GIGA Journal Family

DFG-funded transition of five already existing print journals, all issued by the German Institute for Global Area Studies (GIGA), into open access journals

SCOAP³

MPS and Helmholtz Association as members of the working group; they – as well as possibly the DFG – will also become members of the open access consortium in particle physics.

DFG's funding programme "Scientific Journals"

 modification of a long-standing funding programme for printed journals in order to help and smoothen their transition to electronic journals

Funding Open Access Journals

- Establishing open access journals in various disciplines (since mid-90s)
 - Forum: Qualitative Social Research
 - German Medical Science
 - sehepunkte

Implementing new concepts into journals and their funding

- Living Reviews
 - (expanding an existing journal family within various disciplines)
- Economics. The open access, open assessment journal (open peer review to increase the journals' quality)
- Business and Research (integrating primary data into the articles)

Plans for CARPET

(= Community for Academic Reviewing, Publishing and Editorial Technology)

- National ePublishing information platform, providing an overview on already existing and re-usable publishing tools
- Possibly the basis for further developments of interoperable publishing tools and modules

Providing open access to primary research data

The "Alliance" has a working group on data publication.

Helmholtz Association

An important topic especially for the Helmholtz section "earth and environment". The World Data Center "Mare" in Bremerhaven is very active in the provision of research data.

Publication and Citation of Primary Data

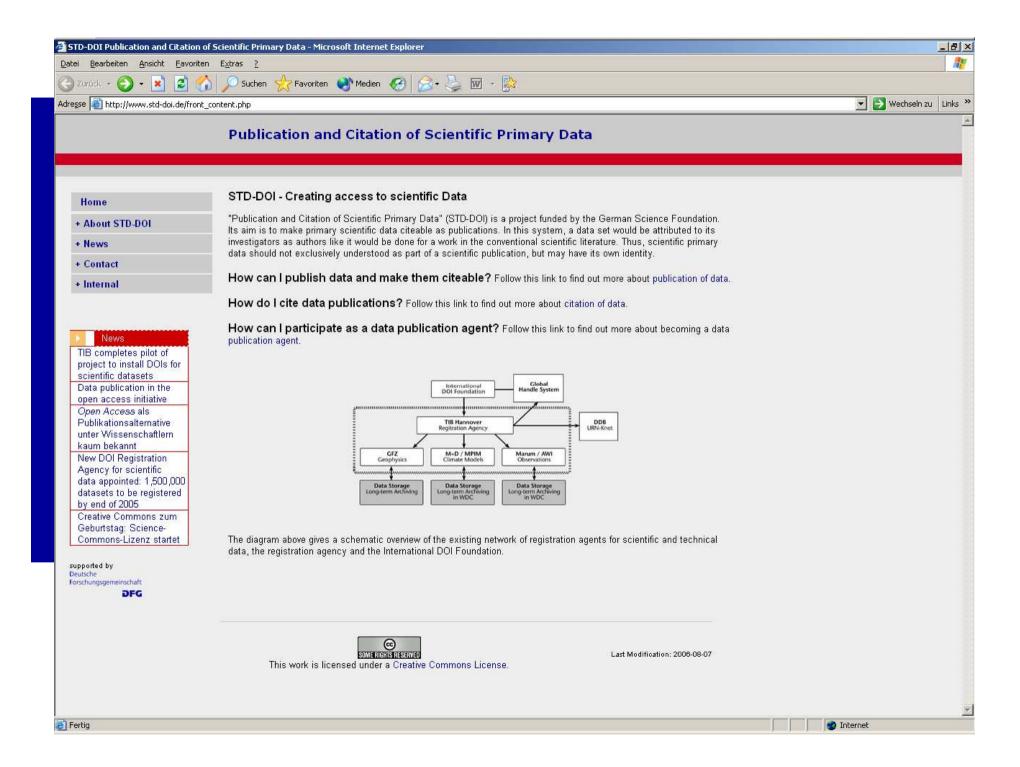
A DFG-funded project in the environmental sciences that created a DOI agency for primary data at the TIB Hannover.

Documenting, Archiving, and Presenting Primary Data in Psychology

A DFG-funded project at ZPID Trier which aims at providing raw data from questionnaires; patient confidentiality is one of the core issues.

MPS Scholarly Workbench

Collaborative authoring environment for digital objects from the arts and humanities.



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Many thanks for your attention!

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