

Digital Library Initiatives in Turkey: A Brief Overview

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Outline: Digital Library Initiatives. . .



- Definitions
- Open Access (OA) e-theses/dissertations archives and institutional repositories (IRs)
- OA e-journal archives
- Open CourseWare archives
- Digital library and digital preservation initiatives
- Issues
- Conclusion

OA definition



- 1. "... free, irrevocable, worldwide, right of access to, and a license to copy, use, distribute, transmit and display the work publicly . . .
- 2. A complete version of the work . . . is deposited (and thus published) in at least one online repository . . . maintained by an academic institution, scholarly society, government agency, or other well-established organization that seeks to enable open access, unrestricted distribution, inter operability, and long-term archiving."

Source: Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities

IR definition

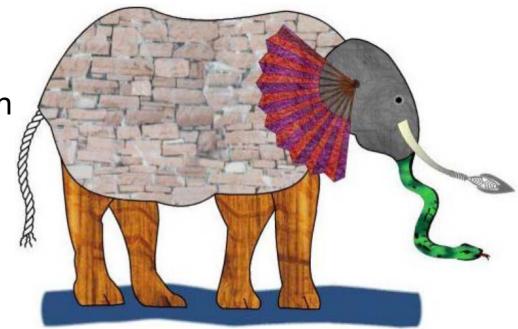


 "digital collection capturing the intellectual output of a single or multi-university community"

 Accessible to end users both within and outside of the institution

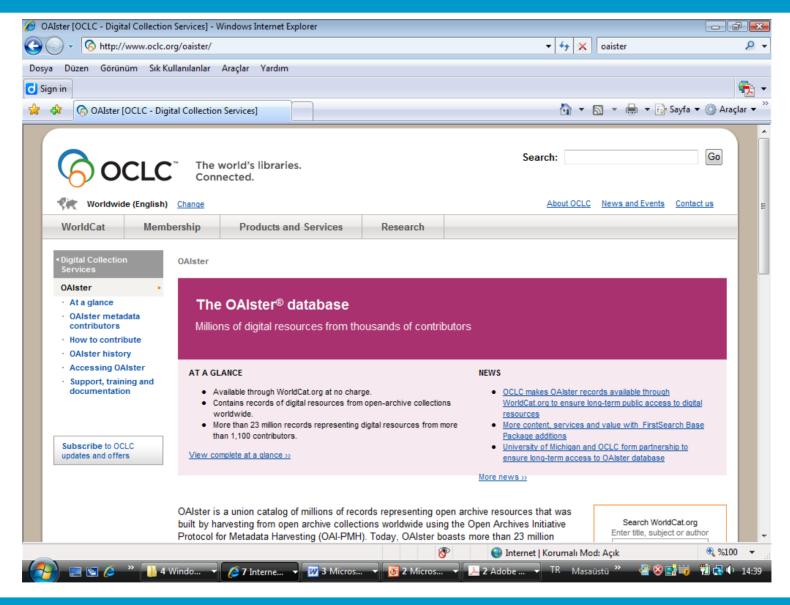
IRs:

- Institutionally defined;
- Scholarly;
- Cumulative and perpetual; and
- Open and interoperable.



c. 1,100 archives & 23M records . . .





OA Archives (as of November 10, 2009)



- USA (300)
- UK (151)
- Germany (112)
- Japan (71)
- Brasil (70)
- Spain (58)
- Canada (51)
- India (50)
- France (50)
- Italy (48)

- Australia (48)
- Sweden (35)
- Netherlands (27)
- Belgium (19)
- South Africa (15)
- Denmark (14)
- China (11)
- Hungary (9)
- Turkey (8)
- . . .

•http://archives.eprints.org/eprints.php?action=browse#country

OA Software



- DSpace (487)
- GNU Eprints (348)
- Bepress (89)
- OPUS (Open Publication System) (34)
- ETD-db (28)

- Fedora (16)
- HAL (10)
- Greenstone (8)
- ARNO (6)

• Others (411)

IRs in Europe



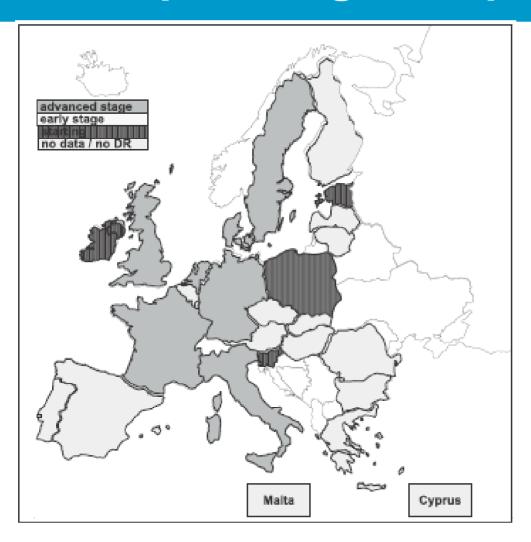
European University Association (EUA) recommended OA self-archiving mandates for 791 European universities in 46 countries (Jan. 25, 2008):

"all European Universities should create institutional repositories and should mandate that all research publications must be deposited in them immediately upon publication (and made Open Access as soon as possible thereafter). . .[and that] these [funder] self-archiving mandates should be extended to all research results arising from EU research programme/project funding"

Source: European, 2008

230 European digital repositories





Map 1 — Development stage of digital repositories for research output per EU country as estimated in Januari 2007.

Source: Van der Graaf & Van Eijndhoven (2007, p. 73).

Turkish OA Archives and IRs (as of Nov. 2009)



- METU Library E-Theses (2247 records, OAI-compliant)
- Ankara University Open Archive System (3441 records, OAI-compliant)
- Sabancı University Research Database (9069 records, OAI-compliant, Eprints software, Not 100% OA)
- Gazi University Open Archive (2057 records, OAI not registered)
- Atatürk University Open Archive (578 records, OAIcompliant)
- Atılım University Open Archive (218 records, OAI not working)
- And other non-registered web-accessible ETD archives

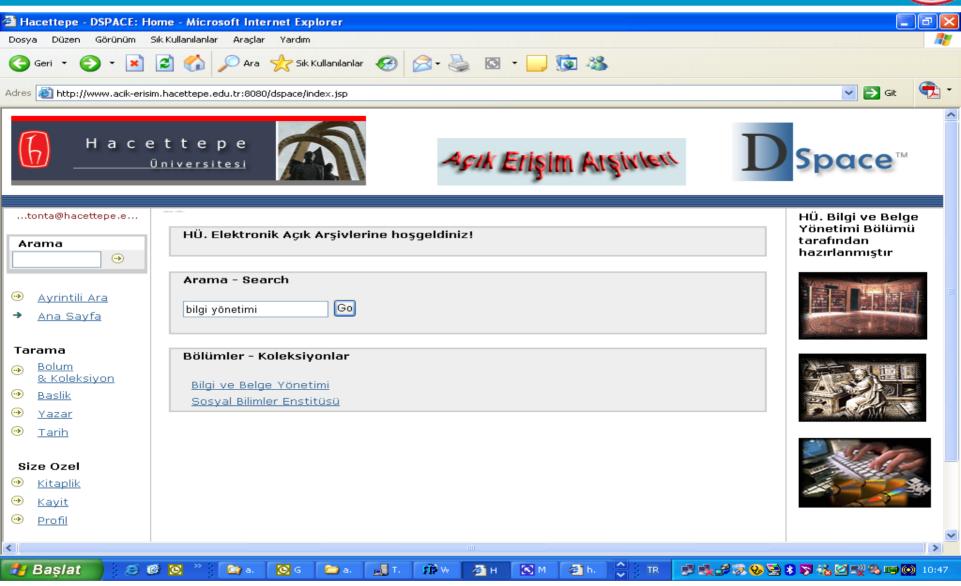
Turkish OA Archives & IRs: Timeline



- 2003: METU Library ETD Archive becomes the first NDLTD member
- 2005: OA in Academic Informatics and Library Week meetings
- 2005: First experimental OA archive (Hacettepe Univ.)
- 2005: First operational OA archive (Ankara Univ.)
- 2006: OA Declaration
- 2006: Working Group on OA and IRs (ANKOS)
- 2006: OA & IRs Advisory Board (TLA, ÜNAK, ULAKBİM)

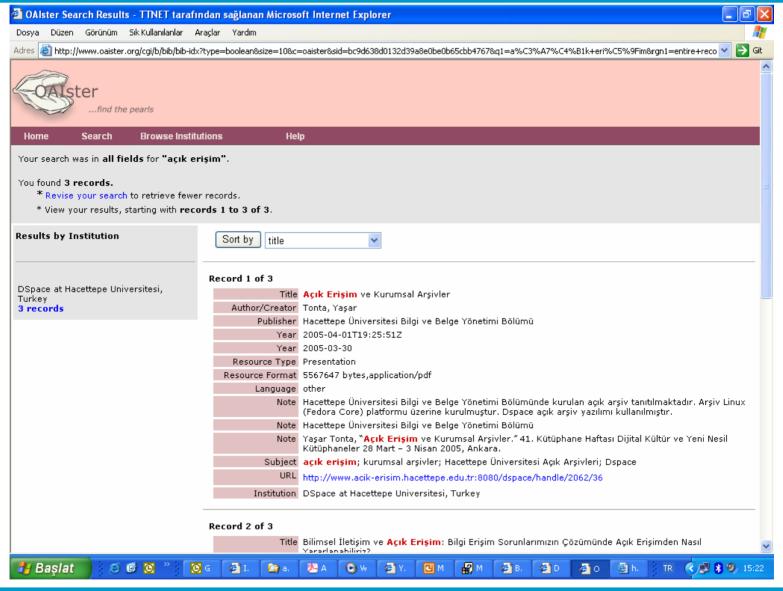
Hacettepe Univ. Experimental OA Archive





OAIster search on Hacettepe Univ. Experimental OA Archive





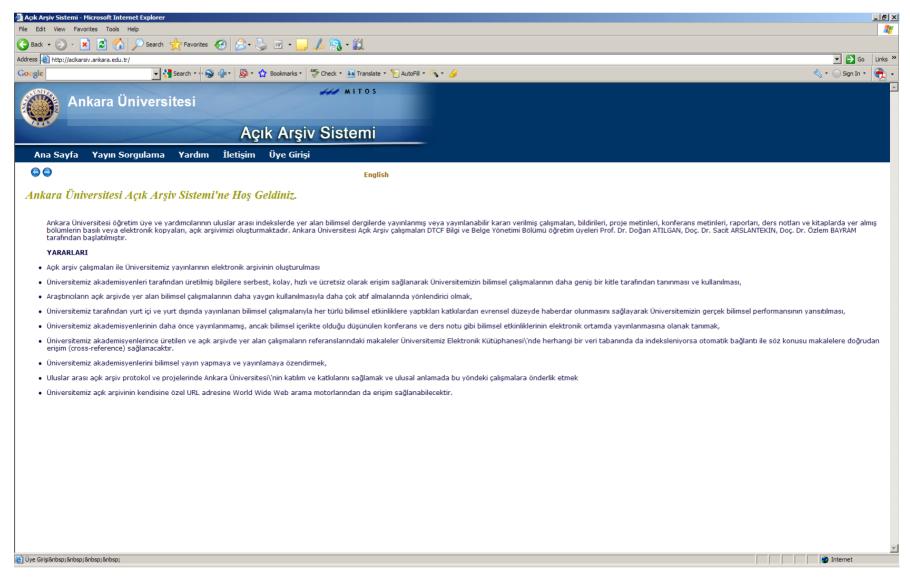
Hacettepe Univ. Experimental OA Archive



- Full-texts of graduate theses and dissertations
- Dublin Core-based metadata
- DSpace (installed on Apache Tomcat running on Linux Fedora Core),
- First archive in Turkey using the OAI-PMH protocol and OpenURL standard (March 29, 2005).
- Registered at CNRI Handle Server (for persistent DOI numbers)
- Registered in OAI Registry (prefix 2062)
- Contents harvestable by OAIster and Google search crawlers

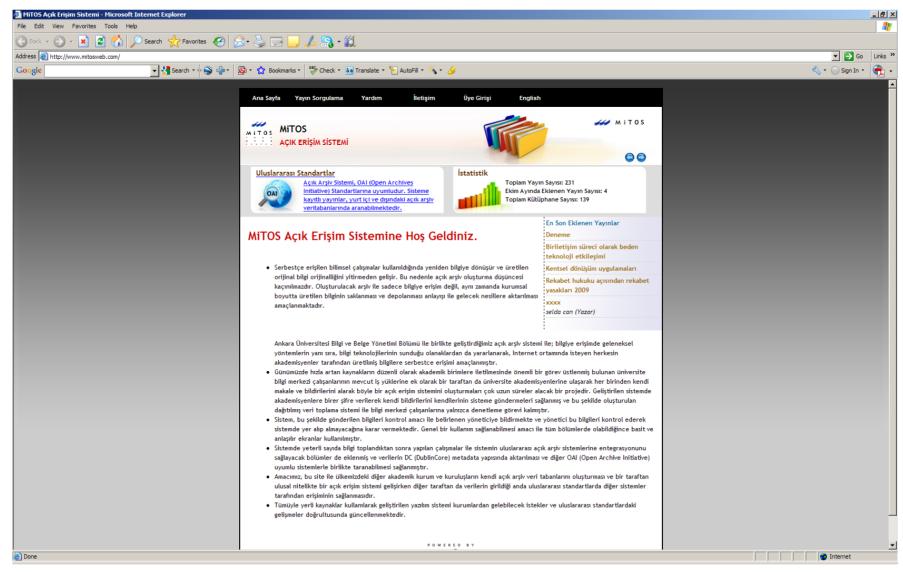
First Operational IR: Ankara Univ. Open Archive System





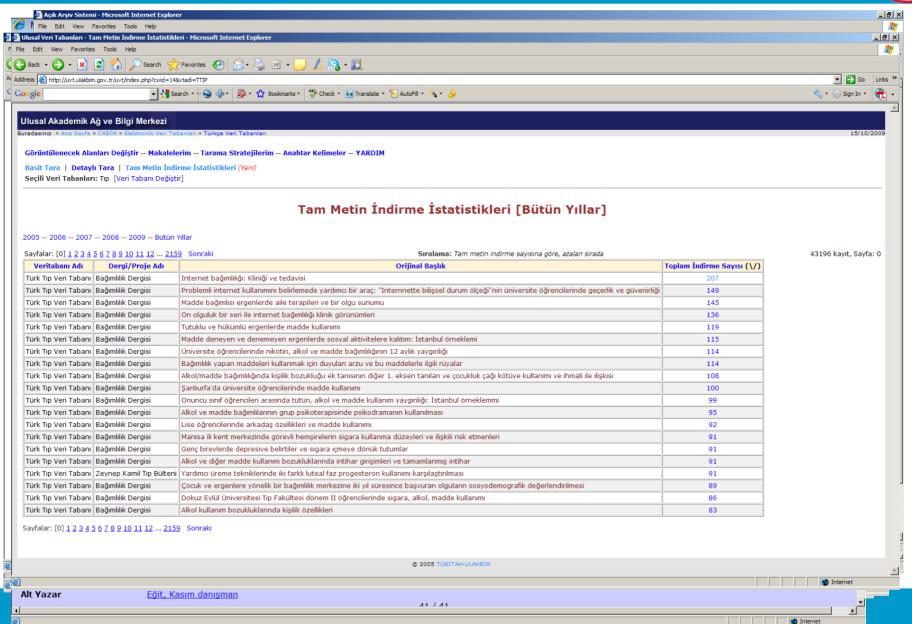
MITOS Open Access System





Others . . .





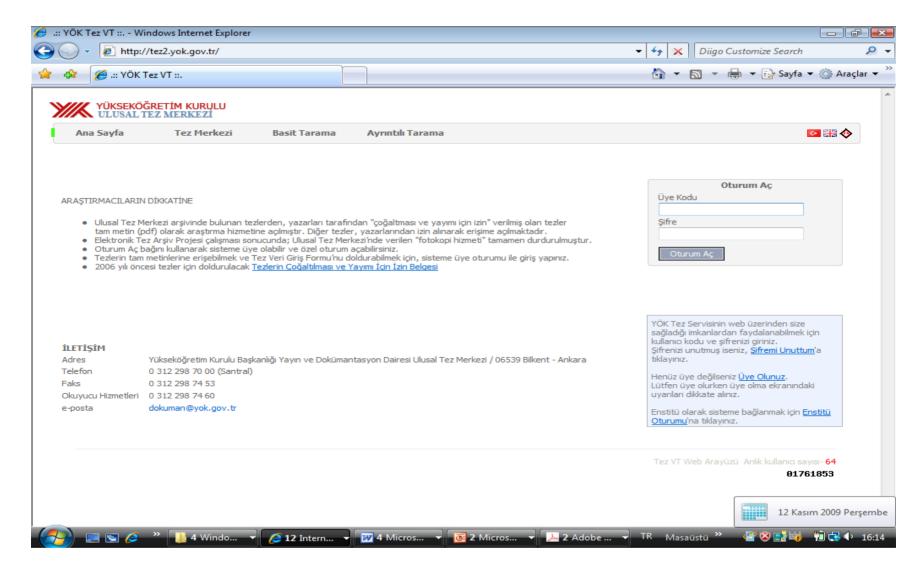
Higher Education Council Theses Center



- Has 200,000 graduate theses and dissertations
- More than 175,000 theses were scanned
- Seeking approvals of authors of ETDs to make them available through the Web.
- More than 25,000 ETDs (13% of the total) are accessible starting from 2008.
- 12-fold increase in use of e-theses and 5-fold increase in the number of users
- Conservative approach: how long would it take to get approvals of 200.000 theses!
- Orphan works

HEC Theses Center Web Site





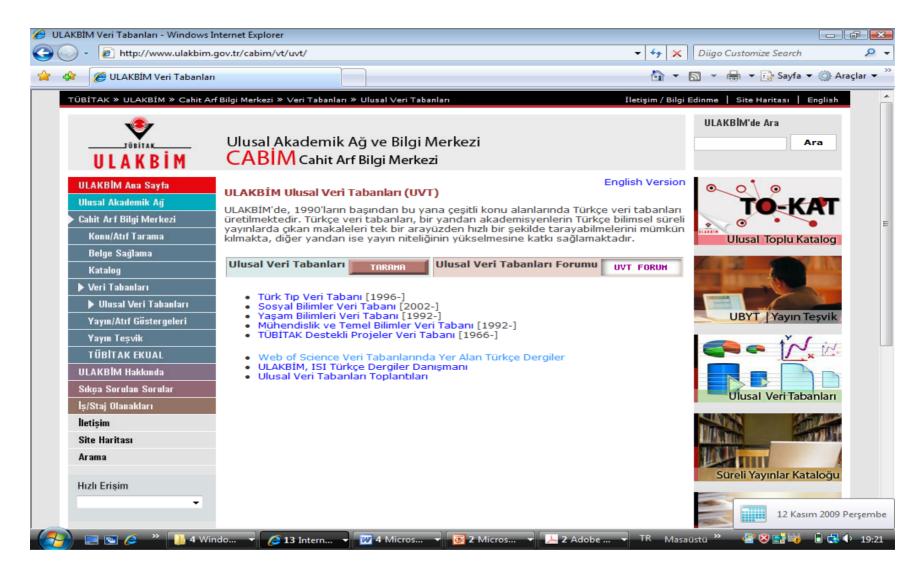
Turkish OA e-journals



- 94% of 253 e-journals published in Turkey are OA, including restrospective issues (Küçük & Olcay, 2006)
- More than half published by universities
- Full-texts available through ULAKBİM's web site
- The 12 scientific journals published by the Turkish Scientific and Technological Research Council (TÜBİTAK) are also accessible

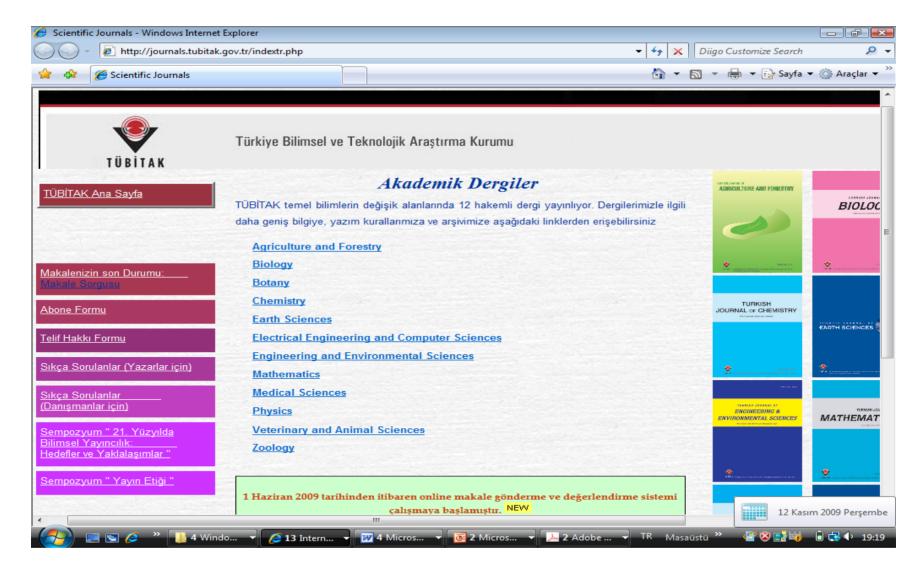
OA e-journals





Turkish NSF OA e-journals





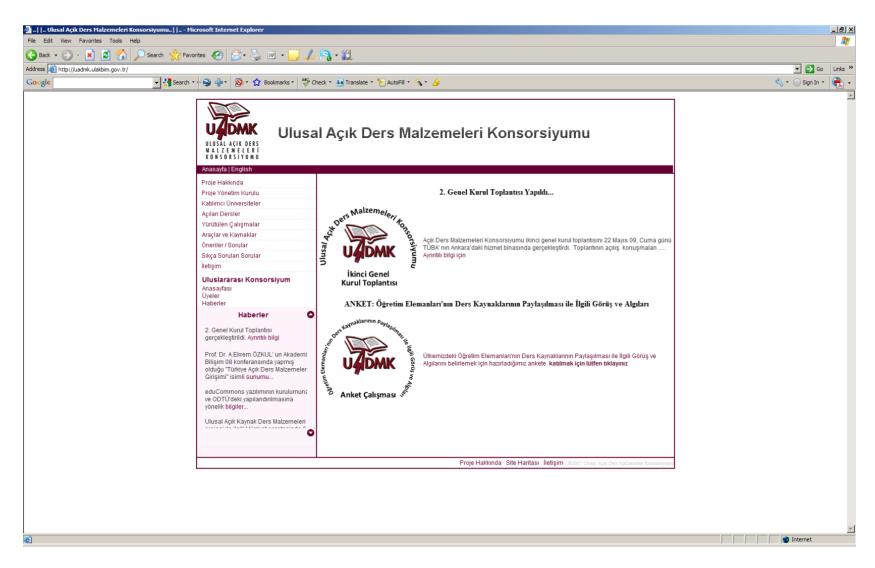
Turkish Open CourseWare Consortium



- Founded in 2007 (TAS & HEC)
- Has 48 members
- Provides OA through an LMS, eduCommons, to course materials (syllabi, slides, lecture notes, audio-video records, and so on)
- Some MIT's OpenCourseWare will be translated and made available
- Some members offer several courses through OpenCourseWare web sites.

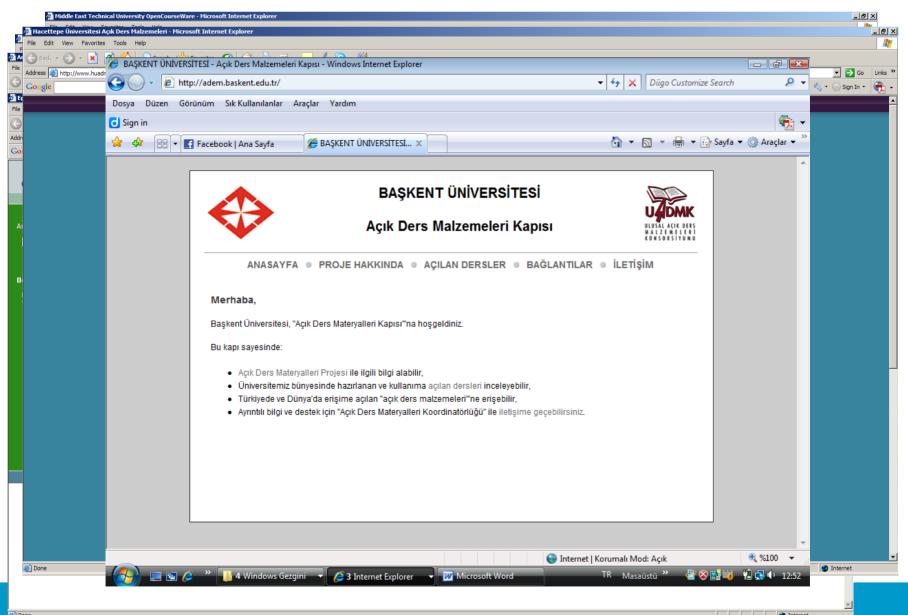
TOCC Web Site





Universities with OCW web sites



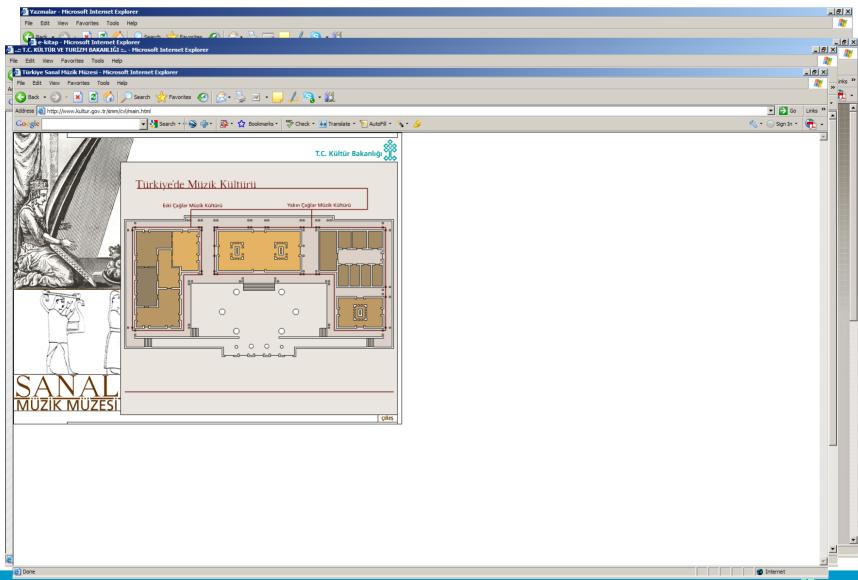




Other Digital Library Initiatives

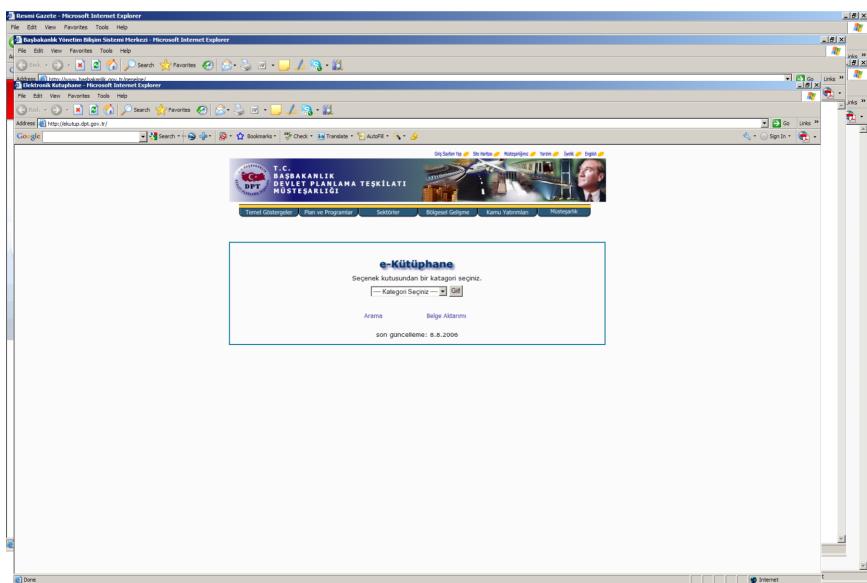
Ministry of Culture





Prime Ministry





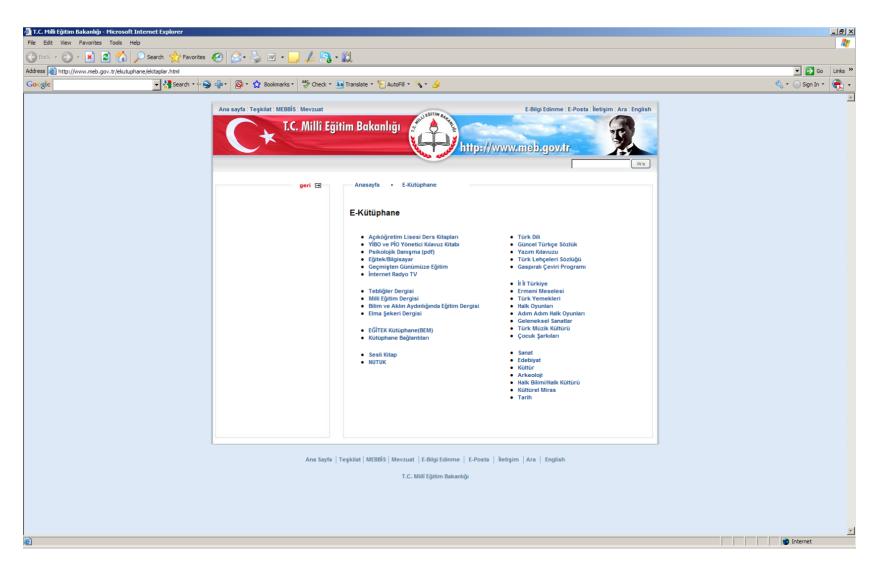
Ministry of Justice





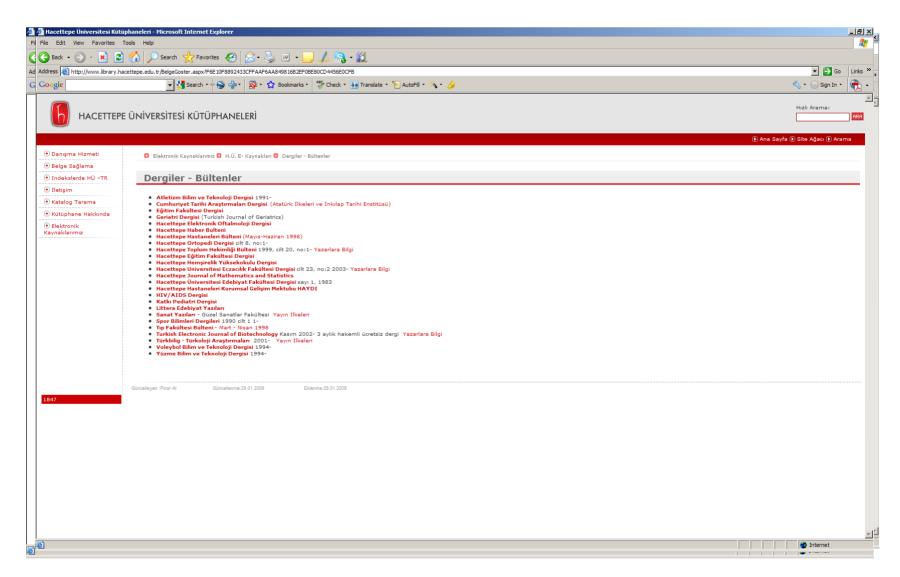
Ministry of Education





Universities





Issues



- Organizational issues
 - Skills of planning, organization and administration
- Cultural issues
 - Culture of working together
- Coordination of common knowledge and common intelligence
 - "Digital world is different"
- Lack of commitment
- Human and monetary resources
- Adherence to standards (i.e., OAI-PMH)
- Develop services on top of digital libraries
- Pay attention to Information Architecture issues: "available" does not necessarily mean readily "accessible"
- Create effective search mechanisms

What can be done?



- OA, IRs and DLs have to be dealt with on a higher level (i.e., TGNA, SPO, Turkish NSF and HEC)
 - Law on Public Access to Research Act
- Sign international declarations
- Awareness of OA, IRs and DLs should be increased
- Research grants should enforce OA for research papers funded by taxpayers
- Mandates to set up IRs

Epilogue



"Stewardship is easy and inexpensive to claim; it is expensive and difficult to honor, and perhaps it will prove to be all too easy to later abdicate. Institutions need to think seriously before launching institutional repository programs".



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