Institutional Biomedical Repositories in Europe

INTRODUCTION
Detailed information on Institutional Biomedical Repositories in Europe, organized by countries.

METHODS
Search and collection of the different websites of Institutional Biomedical Repositories.
Analysis of the main characteristics of each Repository.

OBJECTIVE
- To provide information on Institutional Biomedical Repositories in Europe.
- To report on the situation of EU countries concerning open access.
- To provide information to the scientific community on the relevance of Institutional Repositories as digital archives to self-store the scientific production.
- To encourage public institutions to develop Institutional Repositories to promote open and free access to research results financed by public funds.

SOURCES
- ROAR: http://roar.sorirte.org
- OPENDOAR: http://www.opendoar.org
- ACESIO ABERTO: http://www.acessobiote.net

CONCLUSIONS
- Institutional Biomedical Repositories must turn into digital archives for storing scientific production financed by public funds.
- Public entities must promote the development of Institutional Biomedical Repositories as a way to spread open access.
- There are very few Institutional Biomedical Repositories in Europe.
- The 78% of Institutional Biomedical Repositories in Europe are in the Universities while only the 1% are in Hospitals.

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