

Change is glacially slow, but it happens

Challenges and opportunities
for the HSS

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The Italian panorama – National institutions

Lack of central policies

No office/officier for OA in the Ministry

Universitary Consortia involved by a personal commitment of people and auto-cohordinated

The Italian panorama – Universities

Lack of University policies – New Bylaws?

CRUI guidelines not mandatory

The case of Doctoral theses

The Italian panorama – Universities

Marginal role of UPs

Very difficult to change

Maintream Science and Italian research

The Italian panorama – The authors

Lack of consciousness by the authors

Specialized editorial behaviors

Inertia of some disciplinary (not STM) communities

No special fundings for OA publishing

Research assessment

Reduction in funding of public universities

More competition and raising importance of research evaluation

Research assessment for HSS

HSS not so easy to evaluate due to lack of robust indicators (lack of data at all)

Traditional measures as IF, h-index or citation counts not available for LotE

Multidimensionality of HSS need a large set of indicators

Open Access represents a great chance for HSS

To reach visibility --- reputation

To be read and cited

To start to gather research data through standardization

To reach more transparency in peer review ex ante and ex post

Research assessment in Italy

Evaluation criteria incoherent for HSS

Too many entities

No indicators

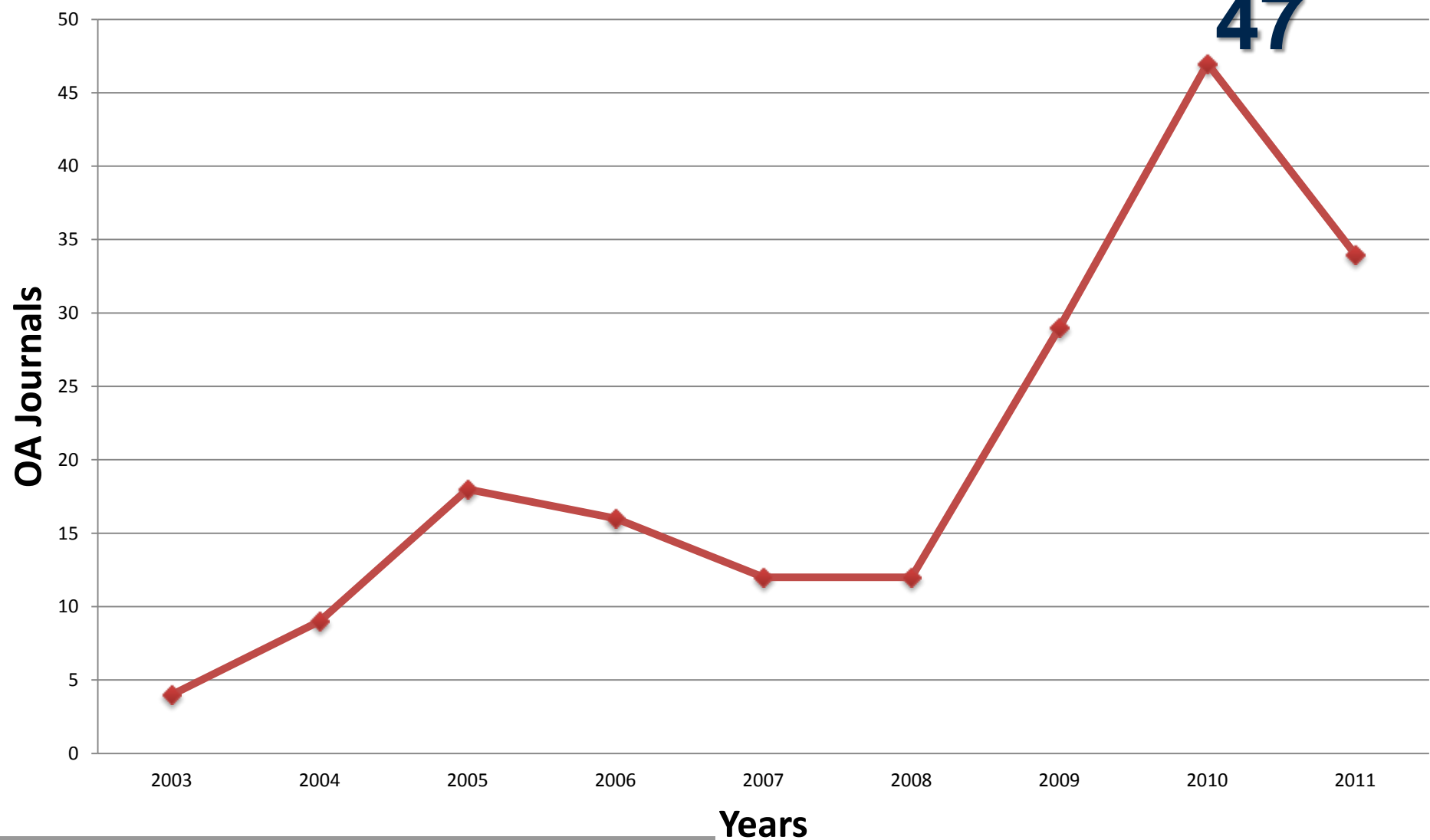


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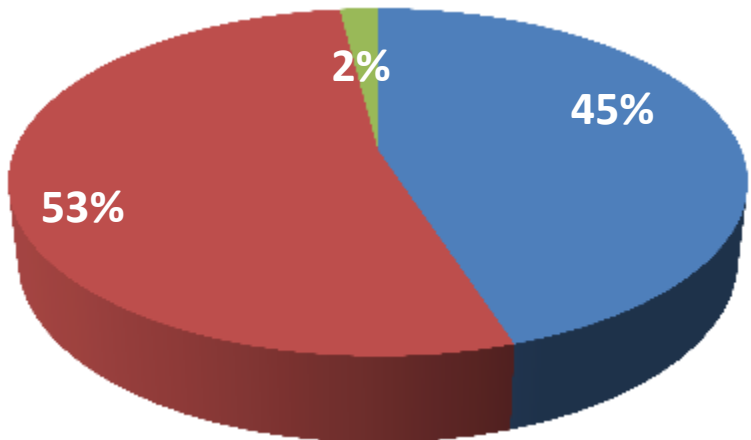
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Growth of OA journals in Italy

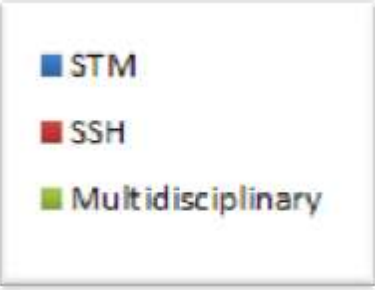
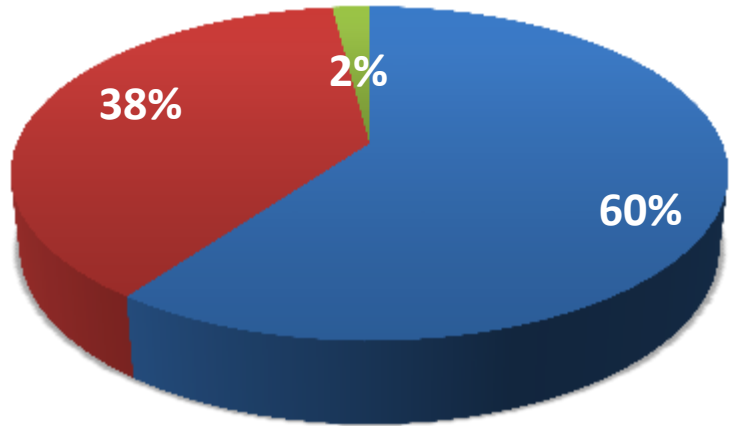


OA journals by disciplinary sector

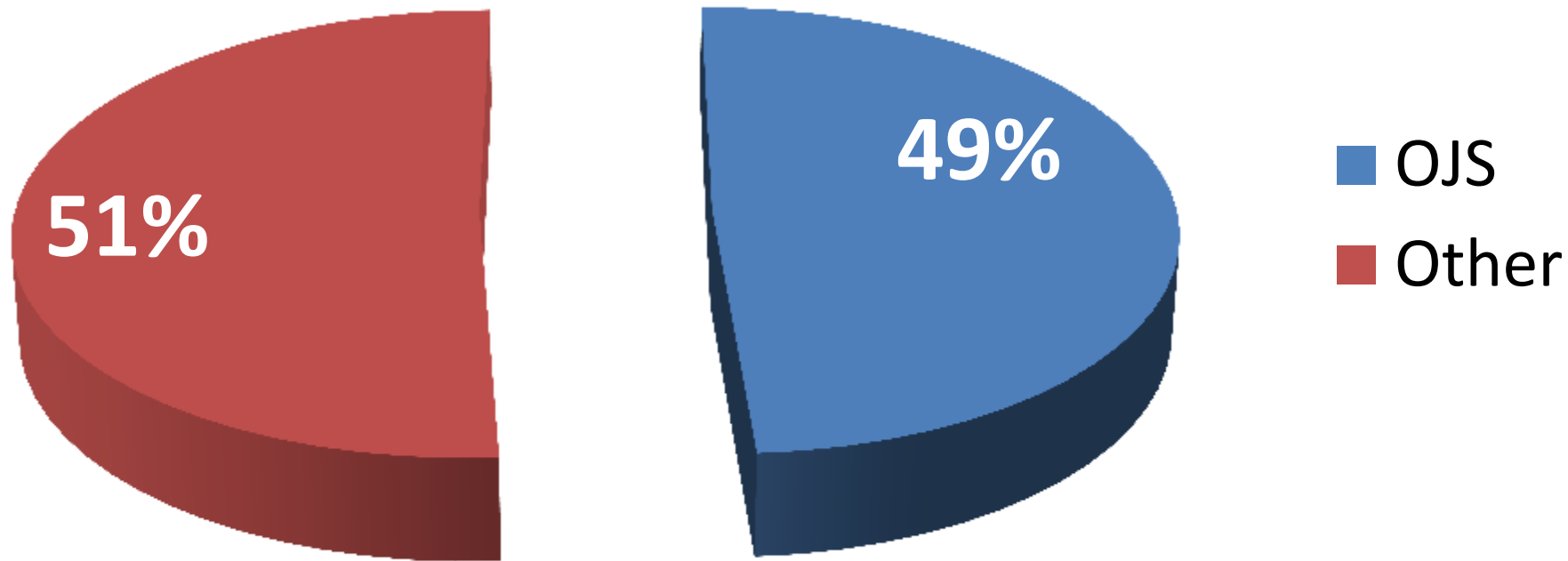
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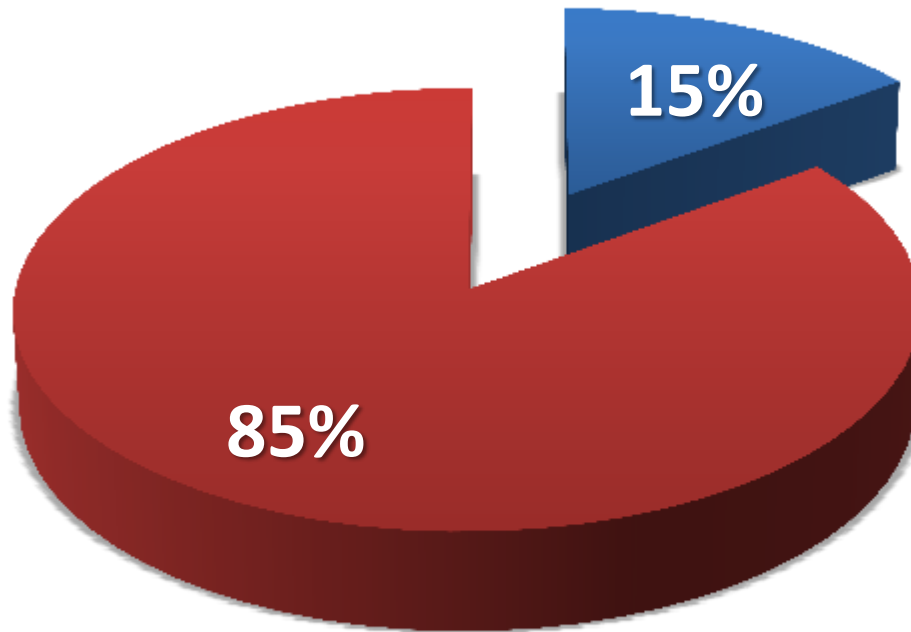
World



OA italian journals by software



OA journals by language



■ Italian only

■ Italian AND/OR other language

Problems in the HSS that draw to a change

Dissatisfaction with the present conditions in scientific communication

It takes too much to be published (until 2 years) while evaluation is now

Very bad distribution of the articles

Very high costs of publication with an intensive editorial work for the authors

Problems in the HSS that draw to a change

Criteria for peer review are not transparent, not clearly stated by publishers

Agreements are not flexible. Publishers require a copyright transfer agreement. LtP is unknown

Italian publishers don't offer advanced tools to their authors

Open Access could represent a chance for HSS

It could solve problems

Habit to publish in paper form only

A certain reserve typical for the HSS

Limited circulation of scientific works



BUT

Books are still the main publication channel

Fear of plagiarism

National publishers as target that don't support Open Access

E-Journals by University of Milan

**SIGNALS OF CHANGE:
«RIVISTE UNIMI»**

The Project

3 journals started in **2008** on OJS (maintained by CILEA)

Wide distribution of internal research in the HSS

Adoption of strong peer review criteria; call for papers

Editorial Advantages

Great visibility improved by the use of standard metadata

Harvesting from Google, Scholar, Scientific Commons, Base, DOAJ (full content); 2 journals are under evaluation by WOS

Internationalization and a great number of submissions

Economic Advantages

No size limits for the issues and supplementary materials

Sustainable costs

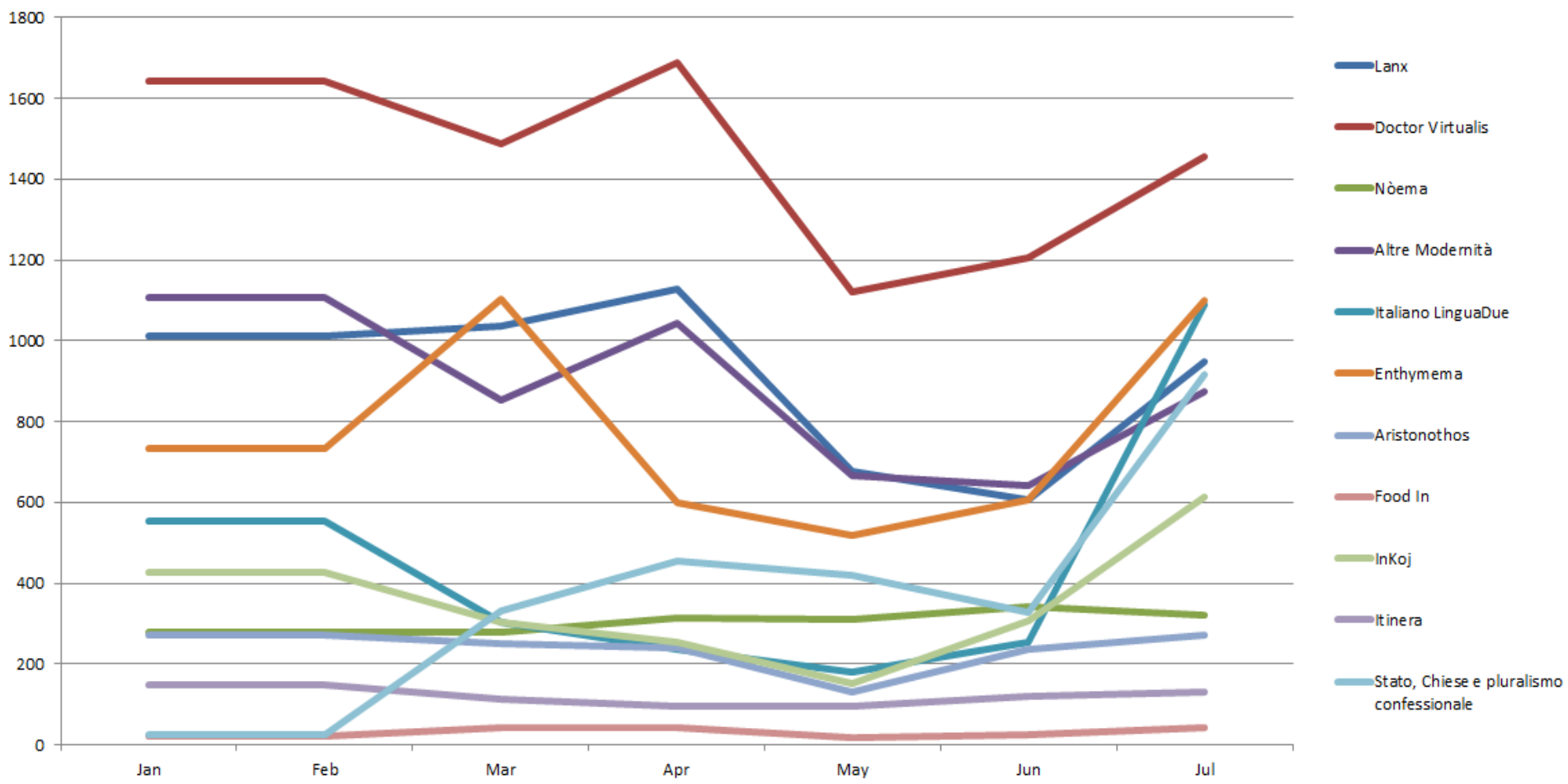
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The ice is melting...

1. General conditions

2. Mentality change

are slowly changing the scenario

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