# Scottish Declaration on Open Access

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'We believe that the interests of Scotland will be best served by the rapid adoption of open access to scientific and research literature'



## Declaration Signatories

- Universities/Research Institutions
- Research Funders
- Scottish Higher Education Funding Council
- Scottish Executive government



## Actions for Signatories

#### Universities/Research Institutions

- □ Set up institutional repositories, and/or liaise with other organisations to establish a joint repository.
- Encourage, and as soon as practical mandate, researchers to deposit copies of their outputs (articles, reports, conference papers, etc) in an institutional or co-operative repository.
- □ Encourage, and as soon as practical mandate, the deposit of PhD theses in an institutional repository.
- □ Review intellectual property policies, to ensure that researchers have the right and duty to provide an open access version of their research.



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#### Research Funders

- □ Require as a condition of grant that publications resulting from funding are available on open access by means of self-archiving in an appropriate repository.
- □ Allocate funds for fees for publication within research grants, to facilitate publication in an open access journal where appropriate.
- □ Encourage traditional research publishers to offer open access publishing streams with fair pricing.



## Launch Meeting

Edinburgh, 11 October 2004

Speakers – Tim O'Shea (Edinburgh University Principal), Jan Velterop (BioMedCentral), Mark Walport (Wellcome Trust), Elaine Fulton (SLIC)

60-80 high profile invited attendees (university principals, research funders, SHEFC, etc)

Good publicity

Universities signing up

Action to follow...



### Declaration

Website:

http://scurl.ac.uk/WG/SSISWGOA/declaration.htm

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http://scurl.ac.uk/WG/SSISWGOA/support.htm

