HOW OSI IS HELPING TO MAKE OPEN ACCESS HAPPEN

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FROM VISION TO REALITY

- For OSI, the BOAI provided the vision and the overall strategy to work towards open access

- The Soros Foundation fund of $3 million has helped to make the vision a partial reality

- N.B. Many other organizations and individuals have also contributed time and money

- N.B. Much more work remains to be done

"Open Access Projects supported by the OSI Information Program as of June 2004" http://www.soros.org/openaccess/grants-awarded.shtml : Tools

- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Phases I & II, $105,970.
- LOCKSS/Stellenbosch University - a pilot project to adapt the LOCKSS software to support access to open access journals in countries w/low bandwidth, $71,018.
- ACIS (Academic Contributor Information System) - will create a relational dataset between authors and their publications and institutions which will assist in building awareness of the benefits of institutional repositories, $50,000.

"Open Access Projects supported by the OSI Information Program as of June 2004" http://www.soros.org/openaccess/grants-awarded.shtml : Guides

- Guide to Business Planning for Converting a Subscription-based Journal to Open Access, $48,578
- Guide to Launching a New Open Access Journal, $48,579
- Guide to Institutional Repository Software, $19,823

- EPrints users' manual, $7,374.

"Open Access Projects supported by the OSI Information Program as of June 2004" http://www.soros.org/openaccess/grants-awarded.shtml : Advocacy

- Grants to Public Knowledge to support advocacy and education promoting the growth of open access. Includes funding for Peter Suber's work on open access, $177,000
- Grant to King's College to work w/European funding agencies, libraries and publishers to promote OA, $48,000
- Free Online Scholarship Newsletter, written by Peter Suber, October 2001-August 2002, $35,000.

"Open Access Projects supported by the OSI Information Program as of June 2004" http://www.soros.org/openaccess/grants-awarded.shtml : Research

- Economic Research - Access to Science: Exploring New Markets for Digital Journals - Professors Mark McCabe and Chris Snyder, $111,911
- JISC/OSI author survey to determine authors' experiences publishing in OA journals, $10,000
- Legal research on the status of government-funded works, $70,359.

"Open Access Projects supported by the OSI Information Program as of June 2004" http://www.soros.org/openaccess/grants-awarded.shtml : Conferences in 2004 supported by OSI

- OAI3 workshop, CERN, February 2004, $11,275
- M.S. Swaminiathan Research Foundation OA workshops, Chennai, India, May 2004, $6,500
- National Academy of Sciences OA workshop, Beijing, China, June 2004, $15,000
- OA session at LIBER Meeting, St. Petersburg, Russia, July 2004, $10,000
- Coalition of South African Library Consortia/OSI workshop on OA, Pretoria, South Africa, 29-30 July 2004, $28,500
- EuroScience Open Forum 2004, Science Without Borders, Stockholm, August 2004, $10,000

"Open Access Projects supported by the OSI Information Program as of June 2004" http://www.soros.org/openaccess/grants-awarded.shtml : Grants to authors from developing countries

- Pilot project to support authors from transition and developing countries to have their articles published in open access journals. 36 projects were supported in 2002, $120,826. OSI has committed $50,000 for the program to be continued in 2004.
- Institutional membership grants to BMC for 50 institutions in developing and transition countries. OSI has pledged $50,000.
- Institutional membership grants to PLoS for 50 institutions in developing and transition countries. OSI has pledged $50,000.
- New grants programme for authors at http://www.soros.org/openaccess/grants-journals.shtml

"Open Access Projects supported by the OSI Information Program as of June 2004" http://www.soros.org/openaccess/grants-awarded.shtml : Creation of repositories

- Academy of Sciences, Minsk, Belarus, $11,964
- University of Zimbabwe, grant to be decided
- More grants for creation of repositories likely to countries in transition

The value of open access to consortia

- The availability of a large corpus of open access content will add more content to the subscription content consortia offer to their users

- The success of the open access model will reduce subscription costs in due course

- Working with an open access model offers consortial staff the opportunity to develop new services – e.g. managing the local repository, providing navigational tools to assist readers to find the content they really need.

Much more work remains to be done!

- Work on open access economic models, e.g. the way in which funds can be re-distributed within institutions to support open access
- Work with learned societies to provide them with opportunities for a good future under open access
- More advocacy work – many academic authors still unaware of open access

Thank you for listening!

- Please contact me by e-mail at any time if you wish to discuss open access f.friend@ucl.ac.uk
- The most comprehensive web-site with information on open access is www.soros.org/openaccess
- The JISC web-site is www.jisc.ac.uk
- Also useful is the SPARC web-site http://web3.arl.org/sparc/ with a link to the SPARC Europe web-site www.sparceurope.org
- A list of open access journals is available at www.doaj.org
- A new list of publisher copyright agreements allowing "self-archiving" is at www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php
- The Report of the UK Parliament Science and Technology Committee "Scientific publications: free for all?" HC399 http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200304/cmselect/cmsctech/399/39902.htm