

OA @ Max Planck Society

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Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science

Research organisation, not a funding agency

- 78 institutes organised in 3 scientific sections
 - bio-medical section
 - chemical, physical, technical section
 - humanities & social sciences section
- 12,200 employees; 4,200 scientists
- annual budget: € 1.325 billion.



Locations



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Overview

- Institutional Commitment
- Legal issues
- Projects



OA commitment @ MPS

Organisational Measures

Steering Committee at highest executive level

chaired by vice president

- Identify and solve organisational, legal and technical problems
- Approve concrete OA projects
- Approve a strategy to support OA journals

e.g. by central payment of article charges.



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Organisational Measures

Open Access Policy Co-ordinator (1)

- Prepare institutional publishing policy
 - deposition in institutional repository
 - encourage publishing in open access journals
- Internal and external communication
 - keep the “Berlin” process running.



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Organisational Measures

Open Access Policy Co-ordinator (2)

- Comprehensive information and briefing of authors and staff
- Develop license model to back up institutional archiving of research output in MPS's eDoc server

provision of forms & templates for communication with publishers

- Negotiations with publishers.



OA legal issues @ MPS

Legal issues

- MPS's governing board (Verwaltungsrat) has decided not to enforce OA by changing working contracts now but to negotiate with publishers first
- The German Intellectual Property Right (UrhG) is going to be changed (again)

MPS will become an active player and make some concrete proposals in order to strengthen the position of science.



OA projects @ MPS

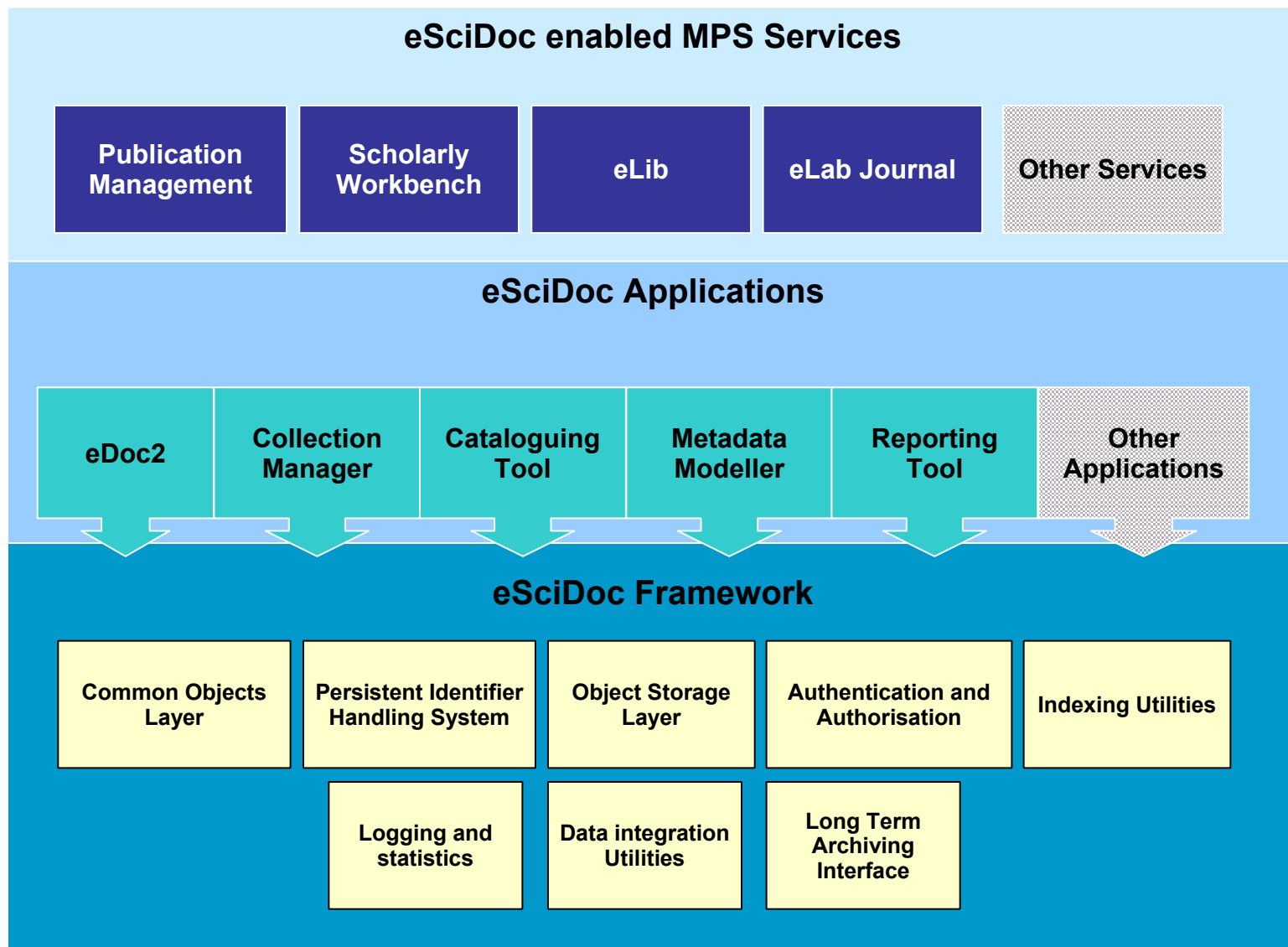
eSciDoc

- Integrated communication, collaboration and OA publication platform
 - Funded by BMBF as part of the German e-Science initiative
 - Co-operation between MPS and FIZ Karlsruhe

Up to now

- Needs analysis with 20 MPIs
 - Project definition
 - Service definition
 - **Architecture concept**





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Pilot Institutes

- Analyse publication behaviour of scientists in 4 MPIs from different disciplines
- Evaluate new publishing workflow (including CC license)
- Gain experience in local libraries with respect to institutional repository



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Pilot Institutes

sub-project: **use green policies**

- eDoc is still too empty (as most other repositories)
 - What is possible today?
- Collect *Copyright Transfer Agreements* and analyse them
- Take full advantage of publishers' policies
 - For every article published in 2004 at the pilot institutes check on a case to case basis whether the article can be made publicly available on eDoc
- Generation of “positive lists” of journals for each MPI
 - Provide scientists with additional information where to publish



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Pilot Institutes

Advantage

- Realise what is possible today
- Gain experience
 - Handling of Copyright Transfer Agreements
 - Meaning of legal terms
- Enable OA without bothering scientists
- Libraries can set up for providing a new service
- Increase the number of full text articles publicly available in the MPS's institutional repository eDoc.



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Thank you!

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