Open Access progress in the Nordic Countries

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- Denmark (DK)
- Finland (SF)
- Norway (N)
- Sweden (S)
Denmark
Denmark

- Denmarks Electronic Research Library (DEF)
  - Supported by the Ministry of Research, the Ministry of Education & The Ministry of Cultural Affairs
  - Special programme area 2004-2005: e-publishing
The Vision

- return science to the scientists –
  - Contribute to creating organisational, economic and technological frames for internationally orientated scholarly communication, so that universities and public sector research institutions and not commercial publishers are primarily considered
To contribute to open access to Danish research results to the greatest possible extent.
Action lines

- Standardisation, rights issues, communication with scholars, decision makers and authorities
- Storage of e-published information (preservation)
- Institutional Repositories
- Scientific Journals
- Preprints, reports etc.
- The Danish National Research Database
- Research Portal
Finland

Slides prepared Prof. Bo-Christer Björk
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The Finnish situation

- Inflow of publications from abroad
  - Making OA material more visible in the portals of Academic libraries
- Publications by Finnish academics
  - Supporting the creation of Finnish institutional repositories
  - Populating them with output by Finnish academics
- OA-journals published in Finland
  - Creating an infrastructure so that journals can go electronic using OA business models
Main achievements of FinnOA

- National seminar on OA in January 2004 with 230 attendees, good press coverage
- Managed to persuade the Ministry of Education to establish formal OA committee
- Seminar on Institutional repositories in January 2005
- http://www.lib.helsinki.fi/finnoa/
Finland: Institutional repositories

- A couple of already functioning IRs
- A lot of interest in establishing
- Discussions about co-operation starting
Finland: OA journals

- Around 70 peer reviewed journals published in Finland
- Many receive subsidies from the Academy of Finland
- Of the journals 9 are OA
”National policy situation”

- High level ministry work group appointed in September 2004 by the Minister of Education
- Has completed its work in February 2005
Ministry OA work group members

- Top ranking civil servant in charge of Finnish Science policy as chairman
- Head of the Academy of Finland (biggest funding agency of basic science in Finland)
- Chairman of the council of University vice-chancellors
- Vice-chancellor of the University of Helsinki
- Etc.
Ministry OA work group results

- 30 concrete recommendations to
  - Research funders
  - Universities and public research institutes
  - Individual researchers
  - Scientific journals and societies
  - Libraries
  - The ministry of education
Recommendations in a nut-shell

- Both OA journals and posting in OA repositories recommended
- No absolute mandating, only recommendations
- Recommends that the Academy and the universities collectively sign the Berlin declaration
- Costs for author charges to OA-journals will be allowable costs
- Funding is likely to be made available for setting up IRs and for converting scientific Journals to OA
Norway
Norwegian Council for Higher Education
- recommendations for the membership
institutions 1:

- Research results should be made publicly accessible
- Publishing in Open Access Journals should be exploited
- Authors should retain rights for parallel publishing
- Funding should be made available for publication charges – should be considered as an integral part of research
Norwegian Council for Higher Education
- recommendations for the membership institutions 2:

- Develop guidelines for payment of publication charges
- Parallel publishing in IR or other OA-solutions should be mandatory
- Universities should work together in developing publishing facilities
IR at Norwegian Universities

- Oslo, Trondheim & Bergen – in operation - different technical solutions
- Tromsø – under development
- 20 University Colleges – a number of developments are underway – often in cooperation
- National cooperation concerning metadata/standards
- Univ. Of Bergen has signed the Berlin Declaration
- National agreement with BMC in place
Sweden
Association of Swedish Higher Education (SUHF) -

- Recommends the membership institutions to establish conditions for creating professional, publishing services within universities and university colleges
SUHF will

- Draft and implement new intellectual property rights agreements, securing that researchers can publish, disseminate and archive publications on university servers (institutional repositories)
- Investigate and evaluate current research assessment and merit systems
- Promote alternative approaches based on university publishing and other initiatives for open access publishing (BOAI 1 & 2)
SUHF

- Task force decided
- Intellectual property rights agreements out for hearing
- Common format for publication databases out for hearing
- Initiate discussions with research councils/funders about issues related to OA
SUHF

- Has signed the Berlin Declaration (Oct. 2004)
- Has raised the issues of scholarly communication and open access for the Swedish Research Council
The SVEP-project

- a Swedish national project aiming at coordinating and supporting e-publishing activities at universities and university colleges in Sweden.
- collaboration between a number of Swedish university and university college libraries and coordinated by the Royal Library.
The SVEP-project

- The main areas of work:
  - interoperability, preservation, dissemination and advice as to which software to use for institutional repositories.
Creating Awareness:

- **Swedish Resource Center for Scholarly Communication**
  - A cooperative network of librarians, researchers, decision makers operated by Lund University Libraries funded by the National Library
  - Arranging seminars, initiating discussions
  - [www.sciecom.org/](http://www.sciecom.org/)
  - On-line journal: Sciecom Info
General observations as to OA in the Nordic Countries 1

- **Awareness on Government level:**
  - SF (DK, S)

- **Research councils aware:**
  - SF (S)

- **Researchers & university decisions makers aware:**
  - Increasingly so in all countries – but still lots to do!

- **Standardization – linking National Research Databases with IR’s:**
  - DK, N & S
General observations 2

- **Migrating journals to OA:**
  - SF (DK)

- **Development of IR´s**
  - All countries

- **Content (filling the IRs):**
  - Primarily dissertations
  - Thesis – Sweden, distributed solution with integrated search interface
  - Preprints etc. – very slow
Read more

- Sciecom info –
  www.sciecom.org/sciecominfo -
  november 2004 - special issue on
  Nordic developments in e-publishing

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