

# Scholarly communication in Japan: Open access etc as of 2005

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# Research and publication in Japan

- Scholarly publishing in Japan
  - Professional and scholarly societies
  - Journals published by them and by departments
  - Journals published in Japanese and in English
- Research in Japan
  - US\$ 5 billion competitive research funds
  - By way of JSPS and JST, including medicine
  - 12% articles are from Japan
  - A major player in worldwide scholarly community

# Publishing from Japan

- Journals
  - Societies and departments
  - Commercial and non-profit “foreign” publishers
  - No commercial Japanese publishers involved
- Under representation
  - 80% of those by Japanese researchers in “foreign journals
  - “Japanese journals” not well known

# Libraries

- The Japanese version of “Serials Crisis”
- Unfortunate digital library projects in mid 1990s
- “Foreign” publishers attack on Japan
  - Prices
  - Online delivery
- Currently catching up a little
  - Consortia negotiations
  - Interests in and practice of institutional repositories

# What has been done:

- Money for purchasing online journals
- Libraries and NII working with SPARC
- Preservation and archiving being discussed
- Funding agencies beginning to be interested in researchers' depositing
- Implementation of institutional repositories, though the number is small
- Traditional print journal subsidies
- J-STAGE platform

## All in all,

- Libraries, universities, societies, funding agencies are beginning to be aware, though not fully, of the problems and their possible solutions
- Having individual researchers understand problems and possible solutions is more important now.