# Demystifying Open Access Journals: Pure Gold

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## **Open Access Definition**

Open-access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.

(from Peter Suber's *Open Access Overview*, <a href="http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm">http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm</a>)

#### Two Approaches

- Green: open access archiving
- Gold: open access publishing





- Transition from print to online
- Innovation and change in scholarly communication
- Hybrid journals (some articles OA)
- Free (embargoed) back issues
- Open source
- Open data

# Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) http://www.doaj.org



- Lund University
- List of open access, peer reviewed journals
- Vetted by librarian
- Can search by journal, subject
- Many journals searchable at article level
- Free service



# **Open Access Publishing Quiz**

- Q: how many peer-reviewed journals?
- A: about 25,000
- Q: how many journals in the DOAJ?
- A: over 2,600
   more than 10% of journals
- Q: how many journals were added to DOAJ last month?
- A: 42 / more than 1 per calendar day

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# DOAJ Sponsors include

- Lund University
- EBSCO
- INASP
- CSA ProQuest

## Libraries and DOAJ

- Membership
- Promotion: DOAJ on library website, in library news
- DOAJ as target for link resolver
- Include DOAJ titles in library catalogue
- Cufts2marc: download free MARC records for DOAJ

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#### Three (Rigorously) Peer Reviewed Sections

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- Conference Spotlight
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# **Economics of open access** publishing



- Volunteer / in-kind
- Subsidy
  - Membership, organization or government
  - Library?
- Article processing fees
  - Funding agencies, departmental funds
  - Libraries?
- Advertising



## **Major OA Publishers**

- Public Library of Science (PLoS): not-for-profit / advocacy
  - article processing fee ~ \$2,500 US/article
- BioMedCentral (BMC): for-profit
   article processing fee ~ \$1,200 \$1,500 US/article (approaching profitability)
- Hindawi: for-profit ~ \$500 US/article (profitable)
- Medknow Publishing: print subsidizes open access



# **Open Access Publishing Quiz**

- Q: you are more likely to see page charges if you publish in a:
  - OA journal
  - Toll access journal
- A: Toll access journal.

From: The Facts about Open Access. Kaufman-Wills study, commissioned by ALPSP and Highwire Press.



# **OA Publishing Quiz**

- Q: Which discipline is moving rapidly towards pure gold?
- A: Physics

arXiv: world's oldest open access archive

Nearly 100% self-archiving (some subdisciplines)

SCOAP3 Consortium

2 subscriptions = enough for full OA

# Public Knowledge Project / Open Journal Systems



- Free, open source publishing software
- Partnership of UBC, SFU, and SFU Library
- Close to 1,000 users around the world
- URL:
- First International PKP Scholarly Publishing Conference, Vancouver, July 11 - 13, 2007: http://ocs.sfu.ca/pkp2007/index.php



### **Conclusions**

- Scholarly publishing is in a period of transition to open access
- Library roles in the transition include:
  - Advocacy
  - Education
  - Hosting journals and technical support
- Future of the library: to facilitate the creation, dissemination, and preservation of scholarly communication



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