Evidence for Orderly Transition: The EU Project SOAP (Study of Open Access Publishing)

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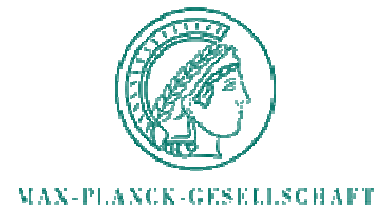Berlin 7 Open Access Conference, Paris, 2-4 December 2009

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Project description

Study on Open Access Publishing (SOAP)

- will focus primarily on the Golden Road to open access
- will describe and analyse open access publishing models
- will investigate researchers' position towards open access
- is a two-year project running from March 2009 until Feb 2011
- is funded by the European Commission (FP7 Science and Society)
- provides data and information for the European Commission, libraries, funding agencies, publishers and researchers

Partners

Research Organizations, Funding Agencies and Publishers

Approach, Part 1

Qualitative and quantitative assessment of existing open access models

- Analysis of open access titles in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) with respect to business model, license, copyright, and more

- Analysis of prevalence of hybrid titles, and share of open access articles in hybrid journals among major publishers

- Timeline: End of 2009

Approach, Part 2

Large-scale survey among researchers on knowledge, understanding, attitudes, desires and practices towards open access

- Aim to widest coverage in disciplines and EU member states and beyond
- Collected data to be made available publicly for further analysis
- Survey to be released in early 2010

Please watch out for our survey and support us in reaching out to scholars!

Approach, Part 3

Validation of results and knowledge extension with real-world scientific communities

- Clustering of communities based on survey analysis
- "Litmus groups" case studies to complement survey and description of open access publishing models
- Results to be communicated to European Commission, libraries, funding agencies, publishers and researchers at the end of 2010

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