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

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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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Welcome

The Study of Open Access Publishing (SOAP) is a two-year project, funded by the European Commission under FP7 (Seventh Framework Programme > Capacities > Science in Society).

This project runs from 1st March 2009 to 28th February 2011 and is co-ordinated by CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

The SOAP consortium represents key stakeholders such as publishers (Biology Central Ltd (BMC), Sage Publications Ltd (SAGE) UK and Springer Science+Business Media Deutschland GmbH (SSBM)), funding agencies (Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) UK), libraries (Max-Planck).

Open access: a concept that allows the results of publicly-funded research to be made available online without charge to the reader.

Digital Library of the Max Planck Society and a broad spectrum of research disciplines.

It aims to study the new open access business models that have emerged as a result of the shift from print to digital documents and inform the European Commission and all stakeholders about the risks, opportunities and essential requirements for a smooth transition to open access publishing.

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Thank you very much for your attention.

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