

## **SPARC Europe Annual Meeting 2011**

### **Headlines SPARC Europe July 2010 – July 2011**

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## **Our primary mission ...**

... is to promote and support Open Access at European, national and institutional levels for the benefit of all stakeholders.

## The European Open Access Landscape in a nutshell:

- EC Open Access Pilot & ERC Open Access Guidelines are supported in the OpenAIRE Project [www.openaire.eu](http://www.openaire.eu)
- Broad repository infrastructure (1960 European repositories at the moment), low participation of researchers
- Open Access Publishers list is growing and business models have proven to be sustainable and a source for inspiration
  - OA publishers united in OASPA [www.oaspa.org](http://www.oaspa.org)
  - Nature Scientific Reports following PLoS ONE
  - OAPEN > monograph publishing: more later this morning
- Study of Open Access Publishing (SOAP) showed that researchers recognize the value of Open Access but they are reluctant to publish in OA journals
  - Funding
  - Quality
  - <http://project-soap.eu/>

## Workshop for researchers

- I A Workshop about Open Access for researchers; how to make your work Open Access?
- 3 Modules: 1) Introduction 2) zoom in at publishing cultures in Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural & Health Sciences 3) practical part with exercises
- To be used by librarians or other staff;
- To be presented at researchers
- Aims to be an inspiring starting point; free to modify

Created with Leeds Metropolitan University (Mina Sotiriou, Leiden University (Michiel Cock), Statsbiblioteket Denmark (Annette Balle Sorensen) and National Documentation Centre, Athens (Victoria Tsoukala).

**Discussion point for today:**

What do you do to reach the researchers at your university and advocate for Open Access?

Does it work?

Please share with us later!

# Support Open Access Publishing Initiatives

- 1) PKP European Network for Open Journal Systems & Open Conference Systems users
  - A loose collaboration of software users
  - To collect input for improvement, to organize communication with PKP development team, to share experiences and training material
  - We pushed out a web survey for initial input to improve OJS / OCS (120 responses)
  - Results brought to wiki ([http://pkp.sfu.ca/wiki/index.php/PKP\\_European\\_Network](http://pkp.sfu.ca/wiki/index.php/PKP_European_Network))
  - Follow up at PKP conference in Berlin, September 2011
  
- 2) Explore how we can improve the quality (perception) of Open Access journals – initiated by SURF Foundation
  - Project name: “Clearing the Gate”
  - May 4<sup>th</sup>: Discussion at EC OA Workshop with funders about a proposal to create an accredited list of Open Access journals
  - Funders were not very positive about the idea
  - To be followed up!

A “Workshop Scholarly Society Journals in Transition to Open Access”, organized by Knowledge Exchange Open Access Working Group in co-operation with SPARC Europe

- Tallinn, September 2011 (COASP)
- Share experiences (presentations and 5 minutes madness)
- Put up guidelines
- To be followed up by a SPARC Europe webinar
- Info at: <http://www.knowledge-exchange.info/Default.aspx?ID=431>

Exploring how to establish a Directory of Open  
Access Books

(more later today by Lars Bjornshauge)

**Open Access Policies and  
implementation – European  
Commission**

- Joint response with LIBER to EC Green Paper on Research and Innovation Funding (May 20<sup>th</sup>)
- EC Hearing: SPARC Europe Statement on Open Access (May 30<sup>th</sup>)
- EC Stakeholders Meeting to discuss preparation for the public consultation on the ERA framework (June 21<sup>st</sup>)

## **Other written contributions / lobby**

With EIFL: Joint response to the public consultation on the Research Infrastructure Development Plan 2011 – 2020 (March 2011)

[http://www.sparceurope.org/eIFL\\_SPARC\\_Eu\\_response\\_research\\_Slovenia..pdf/view](http://www.sparceurope.org/eIFL_SPARC_Eu_response_research_Slovenia..pdf/view)

With COAR and SPARC North America, joint response to publishers restrictive self-deposit policies (April 2011)

[http://www.sparceurope.org/resources/sparc-eu-materials/written-contributions/Joint\\_public\\_response\\_self-deposit\\_policies\\_apr\\_2011.pdf/view](http://www.sparceurope.org/resources/sparc-eu-materials/written-contributions/Joint_public_response_self-deposit_policies_apr_2011.pdf/view)

## **LERU Road Map towards Open Access**

- LERU = The League of European Research Universities
- Context and recommendations, Working Group chaired by Mr Paul Ayris, University College London / president of LIBER
- Green and gold routes addressed

<http://www.sparceurope.org/news/the-leru-roadmap-towards-open-access/>

## **Our means of communication:**

We are on twitter for sharing global OA news, trends & reading: [http://www.twitter.org/sparc\\_eu](http://www.twitter.org/sparc_eu)

We are on LinkedIn for sharing SPARC Europe news & open up discussion: <http://linkd.in/a9enCM>

We push out email updates with news and developments: <http://www.sparceurope.org>



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