

# **Update on the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) – with a look into the future**

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# Brief history

- The idea emerged during the [NCSC](#) conference in Lund October 2002
- Initially supported by [Open Society Institute](#) and a minor grant from [SPARC](#) US
- Project started January 2003
- Service launched 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2003 with 300 journals listed



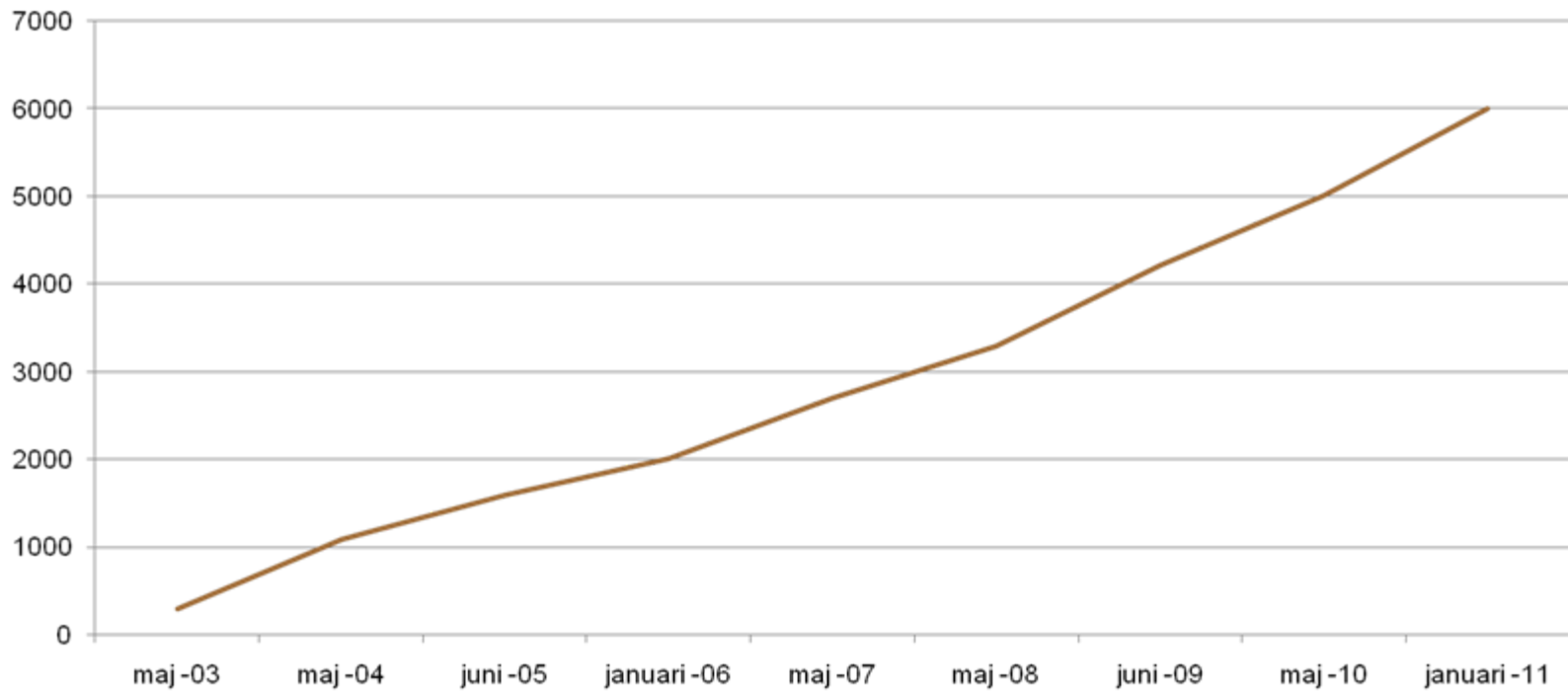
# Content

- June 29th 2011:
  - Journals listed: 6 679
  - Journals with article level metadata 2 956
  - Article level metadata 584 930
- Journals published in 111 countries
- Accepting articles in more than 50 languages

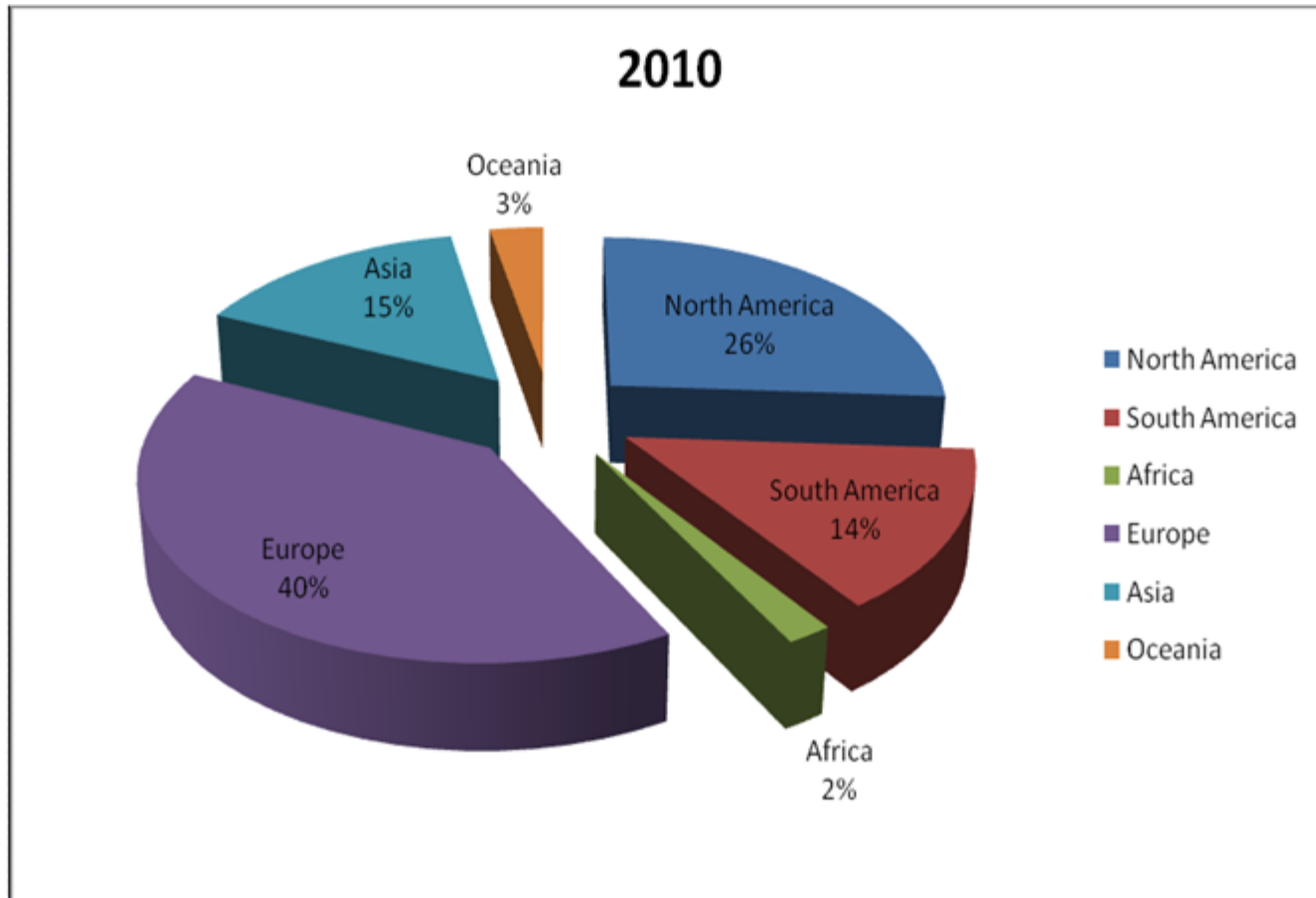


# Steady growth

## Number of journals in DOAJ



# Geographical spread 2010



# Direct usage from the DOAJ-site:

- Every month visits from 160+ countries
- Millions of visitors each month
- Visits from OAI-harvesters substantial



# Usage May 2011

- Successful requests 13 500 000
- Daily average 435 000
- Redirected requests 4 225 000
- Distinct hosts served 213 000
- Data transferred (OAI-PMH) 162 Gb



# Back office

- Candidates for inclusion:
  - Suggestions from the community - +150 per month (<http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=suggest&uiLanguage=en>)
- Collecting information for evaluation against the criteria
- Continuously monitoring for compliance – weeding uncompliant journals
- Harvesting and submitting full text for long term archiving



# Benefits of being indexed in DOAJ

- Global visibility
- Increased usage, citation, impact
- Integrated in OPAC's in many, many libraries
- Commercial service providers are harvesting data for inclusion in their aggregation services
- Feedback from publishers indicate that DOAJ is among the top 5 referral sites



## Projects (turned into services) and collaboration

- SPARC Europe seal for OA journals  
(<http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=sealedJournals&uiLanguage=en>)
- Long term preservation of OA-journals (funding: Swedish Library Association, partner: KB/NL)
- Collaboration (translation and pre-evaluation of journals for inclusion in DOAJ)



# Collaboration

- SPARC Europe seal for OA journals – improving the functional quality of OA journals – metadata delivery, copyright policy (CC-licenses)
- Long term archiving (Royal Library of the Netherlands)
- Agreements regarding pre-evaluation of journals and translation of the DOAJ-website
  - Couperin, France
  - ANKOS, Turkey
  - ISTIC, China (MOU)
  - HEAL-link, Greece
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Tous les champs

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Pour les éditeurs

### ACTUALITES

27/6 2011: Un article sur l'édition en open access.

9/6 2011: Le site du DOAJ existe désormais aussi en français!

18/4 2011: Le DOAJ fait partie des 20 outils de recherche spécialisés les plus utiles pour les étudiants des écoles supérieures.

28/3 2011: Le DOAJ lance une nouvelle interface de consultation!

23/6 2010: Publication de l'édition 2009 du baromètre de l'OA. 20% des articles de recherche validés par les pairs sont désormais disponibles en libre accès, et ce dans toutes les disciplines.

Actualités archivées

### LE DOAJ AUJOURD'HUI

6679 revues

2956 revues indexées au niveau de l'article

584930 articles



# Funding

- Initial project grant from Open Society Institute + minor contribution from SPARC US
- Special project funding:
  - SPARC Europé SEAL
  - Long term archiving (funded by the Swedish Library Association)
  - Sponsors
  - Membership

# Membership programme

- Fees:
- Universities/research centers etc 400  
Euro/year
- Library consortia 4 000 Euro/year
- Aggregators 5 000 Euro/year
- Current members:
- Universities/research centers etc 100
- Library consortia 15
- Aggregators 5



# DOAJ as an important building block in an infrastructure for OA-publishing

- Open access has momentum and is more and more in the mainstream
- Open Access publishing needs an infrastructure
- OASPA is working on that
- What is required if DOAJ even in the future should be an important part of this infrastructure?



# Input from the community and stakeholders

- The community in general want to be able to look up:
- Article Processing Charges (in relevant currency)
- Whether the journal has article submission charges (in relevant currency)
- Waiver policy (developing countries etc) – link to information on the journal homepage
- Link to information about peer-review procedures and/ or to information about the editorial board
- Link to copyright policy/license
- (more and more universities and research funders are implementing policies for paying for publication charges)

# Additional metrics

- Number of articles published (previous year)
- Acceptance rate (previous year)
- Journal Impact factor (?)
- Link to usage/download statistics

# Improved functionality of the journals

- RSS-feeds
- DOIs
- Provision/upload of References
- Machine readable copyright information (CC etc)
- Official journal title abbreviation

# In conclusion

- DOAJ has been an important service for OA-publishing for 8 years.
- OA publishing is in the mainstream
- OA publishing needs an infrastructure
- There are lots of expectations as to how DOAJ could/should be improved
- Progress is dependent on support from the community

# Future development and activities:

- Increased support and advice to publishers: article level metadata, usage statistics, copyright policy etc.
- Continue long term archiving – part of the service
- More collaboration: translation and pre-evaluation of journals for inclusion
  
- Article processing charges – submission charges
- Additional (new) metrics
  
- All these things depending on funding from the community



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