

Implementing Open Access in Denmark

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Some background information...

Eight universities

- Almost all universities have a green Open Access policy
- They all have an institutional repository
- University staff are asked to deposit their fulltext documents (and other media) into the PURE system.
- The Danish National Research Database provides access to all CRIS's and gives an easy access to published Danish research

Some background information...

- Five councils and foundations
 - The Danish Council for Independent Research
 - The Danish Council for Strategic Research
 - The Danish Council for Technology and Innovation
 - Danish National Research Foundation
 - The Danish National Advanced Technology Foundationhave agreed on a joint green policy a so called best effort policy
- Most private funders are interested in taking part in the policy

The mandate...

Aim

- To strengthen the effect of research by ensuring free digital access for everybody to state-financed research results
- To ensure that all scientific articles, the quality of which has been assured by peer review and which have been published in a scientific journal, can be read and distributed without any financial, technical or legal restrictions

Requirements

- The grant holder must in connection with acceptance of an article for publication in a scientific journal seek to maintain the rights to archive an edition of the peer-reviewed and accepted scientific article
- If allowed, the grant holder must publish a digital version of the final, peer-reviewed scientific article in an institutional or subject-specific repository

The preconditions...

- The individual scientist may not be hindered in terms of publishing in the best and most prestigious journals
- The mandate must not contribute to "double-dipping", i.e. payment of both subscription licenses and OA fees
- To cautiously push forward the transition to Open Access in scientific publishing so as not to increase the aggregated costs or to compromise the system of peer review
- Following the essential focus of the EU

How to proceed the implementation?

At present the councils, the research institutions and the ministry discuss how to proceed. There are several steps that we could choose to take:

Create a national policy on green open access

Establish a national steering committee on open access – the Irish government has great success doing this

Implement Orchid – the researcher ID- system

Redesign and consolidate the Danish Research Database

Develop an Open Access Barometer
and finally to find a technical solution for Danish journals

- The Danish research councils and foundations are keen on opening up the system of scientific publishing for the benefit of national and international researchers, private enterprises and the general public
- However, it must be done on the terms of the research community because we do not want to spoil the career path of the individual researcher or divert excessive resources from actual research into the publishing industry
- Thank you