



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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1st Conference on OA Publishing

September 14th, 2009
Members of the SOAP consortium will take part at the first conference more...

Other Projects on OA in FP7

August 5th, 2009
In the FP7 Science in Society call in 2008, besides SOAP two more...

CREST Questionnaire on Scientific Information

July 2009
In June 2009, the European Commission published the results of the CREST members' more...

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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 (BioMed 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

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.

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



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SOAP @ Berlin 7 conference

December 4th, 2009
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