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ZORA: Zurich Open Repository and Archive

As part of the strategic goal, the University of Zurich runs an Open Access repository (ZORA), where researchers can deposit their publications and make them freely available: journal articles, book chapters, conference or workshop contributions, monographs, theses, habilitations, working papers, newspaper articles, edited scientific works, published research reports and scientific publications in electronic form.

For easy handling ZORA provides various import and export possibilities.

ZORA is more than a document server - it is a tool for managing publications and part of the IT environment of the researchers of the University of Zurich.

Added values of ZORA

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Import

ZORA

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including instructions to ZORA and a lot of information on Open Access

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An old tradition and a new technology have converged to make possible an unprecedented public good.”

(Budapest Open Access Initiative)
What is Open Access?

Open Access provides free access via the internet to scientific publications and data collections and cares for their reliable and permanent storage.

Why is Open Access needed?

Open Access allows new efficient, web-oriented forms of publication of scientific papers and data records. Large scientific publishers have increased the fees for access to publications beyond ordinary inflation in recent years. Thus, fewer institutions can afford extensive access (journal crisis) and the dissemination of scientific publications suffers.

What are the effects of Open Access?

Publishing according to the principles of Open Access guarantees the copyright holder the rights in their intellectual property, shorter publication routes, lower production and distribution costs, higher visibility and thereby higher citation impact through global free access. The public, as taxpayers, can have access to the research results that were publicly funded. Scientific knowledge disseminates and multiplies better through international networks.

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(M. Clauss, Vetsuisse Faculty; Journal. Die Zeitung der Universität Zürich, 5/2010)

The green and the gold road to Open Access

Open Access can be achieved in various ways.

The green road refers to the secondary release of a publication in a freely accessible institutional (e.g. ZORA) or subject-based repository (server), always taking into account the previous publishing contract signed by the author.

The gold road means primary publication in a freely accessible Open Access journal or in an Open Access book. Some publishers charge article processing charges (APCs) for their editorial work, which are paid by the authors, their institution or other donors. This represents a new business model with Open Access for publishers.

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(H. Varmus, Nobel Prize laureate for Physiology and Medicine; UPI.com: PLoS to launch online medical journal, May 6, 2004)