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Berlin 3 Open Access: Progress in Implementing the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities

Feb 28th - Mar 1st, 2005, University of Southampton, UK

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Agreed Recommendation (emphasis added):

"In order to implement the Berlin Declaration institutions should implement a policy to:

1. **require** their researchers to deposit a copy of all their published articles in an open access repository
- and
2. **encourage** their researchers to publish their research articles in open access journals where a suitable journal exists (and provide the support to enable that to happen)."

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Presentations

All the powerpoint files and the videos of the presentations from the Berlin 3 meeting are now online at: <http://www.eprints.org/berlin3/program.html>

Meeting Reports

- Stevan Harnad: A summary of this meeting and of its important recommendation to institutions wishing to implement the Berlin Declaration is published in *DLib* 11(3) March 2005.
- Paola Gargiulo: A summary of the meeting (in Italian) <http://eprints.rclis.org/archive/00003345/>

Policy Commitments:

- *Scottish Declaration on Open Access (pre-dates Berlin 3)*
Since Berlin 3:
- CNRS (France, Centre national de la recherche scientifique) signs the *Registry of Institutional OA Self-Archiving Policies* to register its commitment to implementing the *Berlin Declaration* in its institutional repository, HAL, on 17 March 2005.
- Finnish Ministry of Education *recommends OA* for *Finish research* on March 18 2005.
- INRIA (the French National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control) signs the *Registry of Institutional OA Self-Archiving Policies* to register its commitment to implementing the *Berlin Declaration* on 30 March 2005.
- CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) signs the *Registry of Institutional OA Self-Archiving Policies* to register its commitment to implementing the *Berlin Declaration* on 24 March 2005.
- University of Kansas becomes the first U.S. university to sign the *Registry of Institutional OA Self-Archiving Policies* on 7 April 2005.
- The University of Bielefeld, Germany signs the *Registry of Institutional OA Self-Archiving Policies* on 8 June 2005.
- Case Western Reserve University signs the *Registry of Institutional OA Self-Archiving Policies* on 14 June 2005.
- The Swedish Higher Education Association summarises and

- endorses the Berlin 3 recommendations on June 14 2005.
- The Russell Group -- 19 of the major research-led universities in the UK -- have released a [Statement on Scholarly Communication and Publishing](#) echoing the recommendations of the UK Parliamentary Select Committee by pledging to "support the development of institutional repositories of research papers... [and to] actively encourage their researchers to deposit their work in them" (Of the Russell Group 84% [16/19] already have [institutional repositories](#).) 17 June 2005.
- Research Councils UK (RCUK) Announces Proposed Position on Access to Research Outputs on 28 June 2005.
- The University of Bremen, Germany signs the Registry of Institutional OA Self-Archiving Policies on 5 July 2005.
- L'Université de Lyon 2 proposes an Institutional Self-Archiving Requirement on 22 July 2005.
- 64 Italian universities have signed the Berlin Declaration as of 25 July 2005. (Let us hope that they will also soon sign the Dichiarazione di Impegno Istituzionale per l'Accesso Aperto to serve as a model for other universities worldwide.)
- L'Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer signs the Registry of Institutional OA Self-Archiving Policies on 27 July 2005.
- Universities UK supports calls for web access to research results on 8 September 2005.
- Fellows of the Royal Society Open Letter on 7 December 2005.
- 4 Swiss universities have signed the Berlin Declaration as of 23 January 2006. (Let us hope that they will also soon sign the Registrierung von Einrichtungen, die eine institutionelle Verpflichtung für die Open Access-Selbstarchivierung unterzeichnet wollen to serve as a model for other universities worldwide.)

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