

Why open-access.net?

Electronic dissemination is now common practice in scholarly communication. The Open Access idea, in other words the commitment to cost-free and unrestricted access to scholarly publications, has led to strong demand for clear, bundle information on new forms of electronic dissemination.

The information platform open-access.net, which is backed by leading science organisations,

- bundles hitherto scattered resources and information on the subject of OA
- creates a clear overall picture of what OA is all about
- supplies customised information for individual disciplines and addresses the needs of the various actors in the scholarly communication system
- offers practical advice on how to argue in favour of and to implement OA
- ensures the richness and depth of its offerings by means of cooperative networking between relevant science organisations and institutions
- strengthens the OA movement by forming a broad alliance
- makes OA activities in the German-speaking regions internationally visible.

Project partners:



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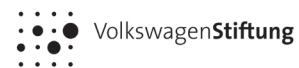
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information platform
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The information platform open-access.net

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

(Budapest Open Access Initiative)

The online platform open-access.net was set up to help meet the growing demand for information on the subject of Open Access (OA). Its aim is to provide comprehensive information on OA and practical advice on how to implement it. The platform's target-group-oriented approach facilitates easy, fast and efficient access to information on relevant topics. open-access.net offers content which relates specifically to Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Intensive cooperation with science organisations, the promotion on networking and the organisation of information events have made open-access.net into a key venue for discussion and information on OA.

Topics covered on open-access.net

General information on Open Access

- Definition, history, initiatives
- OA strategies, infrastructure
- Arguments in favour of / reservations towards Open Access
- Costs / business models
- Legal aspects
- FAQs

Discipline-specific information on Open Access

- OA in individual disciplines
- OA journals in individual disciplines
- Discipline-specific repositories und databases

Activities

- Multiplier network, Open Access Days

Communication

- News, calendar of event, links

open-access.net makes customised information available for

- authors of scholarly literature
- editors of OA journals
- operators of OA repositories
- university and research-organisation management
- research funders
- libraries
- publishers
- political decision-makers
- the interested public.

Promotion of networking

open-access.net supports discussion and exchanges of experiences through its

- multiplier network oa-net-work
- Open Access Days
- moderated mailing list IPOA Forum

Information offerings on open-access.net supplied by the

- Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft
- Helmholtz Association
- Leibniz Association
- Max Planck Society

The screenshot shows the homepage of open-access.net. The header includes the logo and navigation links: About | Advisory Board | Contact | Sitemap | Legal notice. The main navigation bar contains 'information platform' and a search box. The left sidebar lists various categories: GENERAL INFORMATION (What does Open Access mean?, Pros and cons of Open Access, Business models, Legal issues, FAQ), OPEN ACCESS IN INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINES (select), USEFUL INFORMATION FOR (Authors, Journal editors, Repository operators, University management, Libraries, Research funders, Publishers), INFORMATION ON OA BY (Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, Helmholtz Association, Leibniz Association, Max Planck Society), ACTIVITIES (oa-net-work, Open Access Days, International Open Access Week, Mailing list), and COMMUNICATION (News, Open Access Projects, OA in the Blogosphere). The main content area features a 'Home' link and a welcome message: 'Welcome to the information platform open-access.net!'. The text explains the platform's purpose and provides contact information. A 'NEWS' sidebar on the right lists recent blog posts and tweets, including 'Recent blog posts and Tweets on open-access.net' (2010-01-18), 'Bundestag Commission of Inquiry on "The Internet and digital society"' (2010-01-14), 'DFG calls for proposals for research data management projects' (2010-01-12), 'Berlin 7 Conference slides now online' (2009-12-15), and 'Survey on supplementary functions in digital repositories gets underway' (2009-11-21). At the bottom of the sidebar, there are links for 'News - Archive' and 'RSS Feed'.