

## International Open Access Week

International [Open Access Week](#) will take place from 19 to 23 October 2009. The aim is to publicise Open Access (OA) at many different locations worldwide during that week in order to broaden awareness of OA and to promote free access to the knowledge and information generated by publicly-funded research. In the course of the week, many events and activities will take place at universities and non-university research institutions throughout Germany.

International Open Access Week is a follow-up to international Open Access Day which took place last October. The events held locally by the 130 participating organisations in 30 countries successfully promoted OA. Give Open Access a voice and a clear profile in your institution. Avail of international Open Access Week to broaden awareness of OA among your institution's scholars and scientists. Here are just a few examples of the activities you could undertake:

- Information events on OA
- Presentation of your own OA-related activities
- Workshops on individual aspects of OA aimed at specific target groups
- Talks given by local scholars and scientists on their own experiences with OA
- Exhibitions of literature on the subject of OA in the reading room of your local library
- Production and/or presentation of an information brochure on local OA activities
- Presentation of local OA activities in internal media such as institutional and staff newsletters
- Introductory courses in OA for junior scientists and scholars
- Introductory courses in OA for subject specialists
- Discipline-specific information events on OA
- Approach OA specialists.

It would be a good idea to have these activities coincide with a special occasion such as the passage of internal OA recommendations, the publication of openly accessible literature, the deposit in the institutional repository of publications authored by members of the institution's senior management, etc.

Develop ideas, cooperate with other institutions such as publishers and scholarly societies, and make the necessary local preparations (reserve venues, approach speakers, involve your organisation's internal communication network, issue press releases etc).

The Alliance of German Science Organisations' Open Access working group supports the broad participation of German science institutions in international Open Access Week.

Further information on Open Access Week will be available soon.

You can also consult the [Open Access Week's](#) English-language website.

### Open Access Week - Open Access Days - What's the difference?

While [Open Access Days](#), which will be held on 7 and 8 October at the University of Konstanz, is an annual conference, international Open Access Week, which takes place two weeks later, offers you the opportunity to organise local events in order to promote Open Access in your own institution and to raise members' awareness of the OA idea.