Study of Open Access Publishing (SOAP) – An Introduction

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Project description

Study on Open Access Publishing (SOAP)

• will focus on the Golden Road to open access
• will describe and analyse open access business 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 Commision, 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 made available to the public for further analysis
- Survey to be released in early 2010

Please watch out for our survey and support us in reaching your scholars!
Approach, Part 3

Validation of results and knowledge extension with “litmus groups”

- Clustering of communities based on survey analysis
- “Litmus groups” case studies to complement survey and description of open access publishing models
- Results communicated to European Commission, libraries, funding agencies, publishers and researchers at the end of 2010
http://project-soap.eu
Next Updates on SOAP

- Berlin 7 Open Access Conference
  December 2-4, 2009, Paris

- Academic Publishing in Europe (APE)
  January 19-20, 2010, Berlin (to be confirmed)
Summary

• Currently working on the data collection and analysis of open access journal titles from the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and exploring hybrid journals

• Results of all findings will be compiled in comprehensive reports to European Commission, libraries, funding agencies, publishers and researchers

*Look out for our survey on open access and help to distribute it!*
Thank you very much for your attention.

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