Open Access publishing: Ireland and abroad

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The vast majority (29 out of 37 institutions) have an OA policy.

Q. What approach to OA does your policy take?

The majority cover Green & Gold Open Access policy, 1/3rd cover only Green, 3 institutions cover only Gold OA.

Q. When was your OA policy launched?

Q. Do you have any processes in place to pay for OA Article Processing Charges (APCs)?

Irish National Steering Committee on Open Access Policy

“Coordinate activities and combine expertise at a national level to promote unrestricted, online access to outputs which result from research that is wholly or partially funded by the State”
National Membership

- **Funders:** HRB, SFI, HEA, IRC, Teagasc, Marine Institute, DAFM, and EPA
- **Researchers:** IUA, HSE, IOTI, DIT, WIT, RCSI
- **Library and repository:** CONUL, IUALG, Digital Repository of Ireland (DRI), RIAN,
- **Expert Individuals**
Phased approach

1. Broaden infrastructure coverage beyond universities
2. Increase number of publicly funded publications made available
3. Use OA to develop a national picture – funding acknowledgements and value-added metrics
4. Promote OA to any underlying research data and materials
5. Develop sustainable long-term solutions
National Principles for Open Access Policy Statement

- Definition of Open Access
- Definition of research outputs

Reaffirm:
- Freedom of researchers
- Increase visibility and access
- Support international interoperability, link to teaching and learning, and Open Innovation
- built on best practice here and abroad
General principles (1)

- All researchers to have deposit rights for in an OA repository

Deposit

- post-prints/ publishers version & metadata
- peer-reviewed journal articles and conference publications. Others where possible
- at time of acceptance for publication
- in compliance with national metadata standards
General principles (2)

- **Release**
  - immediate for meta-data
  - Respect publishers copyright, licencing and embargos (not normally exceeding 6 months/12 months)
- **Green route policy** – but not exclusive
- **Suitable repositories**
- **Research data linked to publications**
High-level principles

Infrastructure and sustainability
- Depositing once, harvesting, interoperability and long-term preservation

Advocacy and coordination
- Mechanisms for and monitoring of implementation, awareness raising and engagement for ALL

Exploiting Open Access
- Preparing metadata and national value-added metrics
Signatories

Dundalk Institute of Technology

HEA

DERI

DIT

UCD

ESRI

National Digital Learning Resources

Health Service Executive

Marine Institute

Health Research Board
Implementation: here and abroad

Key elements
• Infrastructure and sustainability
• Advocacy and coordination
• Exploiting OA
• Resourcing OA

Comparators
• RCUK
• EU Commission
• Denmark/Portugal
• MedOANet
Thank you

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