German Repository Activities
German repository landscape

OpenDOAR:

BASE: Around 200 German data providers with 1,863,265 documents
German repository landscape

- the majority of the larger German universities and research institutions has a repository
- heterogeneity in software, design and content
- some deficits in standardization and data harmonization
- lack of content
- widespread implementation of OAI-PMH
- anticipation of international developments and growing integration within international registries and collaborations

activities are getting more and more concerted
Orchestrating the movement

Some of the „conductors“

- Information Platform open-access.net
- German Initiative for Network Information (DINI e.V.)
- Alliance of the German Science Organizations: German Research Foundation (DFG), Fraunhofer Society (FhG), Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers (HGF), Max Planck Society (MPG), German Science Council (WR) etc.
- Task force on open access by library directors
Situation in 2006

- Large discrepancy between growing significance of OA and the comparatively small publicity and little practice with German scientists
- Uncoordinated and scattered information about OA
- OA-Information mostly depended on personal commitment of individuals
- Idea to improve the situation and promote OA:
  
  **Central information platform which bundles all relevant information and provides reliable information on open access**
Partners, Funders and Supporters of the Project

Partners:

Funded by :

Supported by:
Informing Scholars and Scientists

- Direct information for scholars and scientists
- Helping the promoters to inform about open access
open-access.net became a central player in promoting open access in Germany.
**Usage Data**

![Bar graph showing usage data over years]

**Different users:** No. of different IP-addresses, which visited at least one page of open-access.net

**No. of users:** A new user is defined as each new user who was not on open-access.net in the last 60 minutes
Usage Data: General Information

What is OA?
OA-Journals
FAQ
Business models
pros and cons
Legal issues
OA-Strategies
Repositories

IFLA Satellite Meeting on Open Access and the Changing Role of Libraries, August 9th, 2010, Anja Oberlaender, University of Konstanz Library
Usage Data: Open Access in Individual Disciplines 2009

Average hits per month in 2009

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Success Factors

- High visibility
- Very reliable and up-to-date information/quality assurance
- High commitment of the project partners
- Community Building
- Synergy Effects
- Open Access Days
Electronic Publishing Group (EPub):

- Support for the repository community, e.g. guidelines, workshops
- Improve the coordination and collaboration between operators and developers of repositories
- DINI Certificate for Document and Publication Services
- Initiating projects
Repository projects

interlinking of repositories to create an overarching collection

usage statistics as a value-added service

citation analysis and reference management

connecting institutional & subject repositories

plagiarism search
Collaborative use of a pool of networked repositories

- OAS
- OAN
- DOARC
- OAFR
- CORE DATA STORAGE
- Usage Data
  - Metadata
  - References
- CARPET

Users

User Interfaces

Repositories

Harvesting Interfaces

Institutional

Subject-oriented
Goals in the priority area open access:

- promote **open access to texts, primary data** and other digital objects and test the practicability of this principle
- expand the scope and **network of digital repositories**
- further develop the **golden road** through **coordinated action**
- In the course of a future amendment to the **copyright law**, the Alliance will actively plead the case for Open Access, with the goal of securing a **basic right for authors** to publish their findings in accordance with the idea of providing scientists free access to information
Joint German Group in COAR

- Helmholtz-Association
- Humboldt-University Berlin
- University of Dresden
- University of Konstanz (Group Leader)
- University of Regensburg
- University of Stuttgart
Links

- Information platform: http://www.open-access.net
- OA-Network: http://www.dini.de/projekte/oa-netzwerk/
- Alliance of the German Science Organizations: http://www.allianzinitiative.de/
- DINI certificate: http://www.dini.de/english/dini-certificate/
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