Open Access in Sweden

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Overview

• Policy for Open Access
• Digital repositories at universities
• OA journals
• National coordination
Policies

• Signatories to the Berlin Declaration on Open Access
  • Swedish Association of Higher Education
  • Swedish Research Council
  • National Library of Sweden
  • Swedish Library Association
  • Stockholm University
  • Swedish Association for Information Specialists
  • Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
  • Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities
Mandates

The Association of Higher Education (SUHF) Board in 2005 recommended its member institutions to:

- Introduce a policy that strongly recommends their researchers to deposit a copy of all their published articles in an Open Access digital repository

- Encourage researchers to publish their research articles in Open Access journals where a suitable journal exists and provide support to enable that to happen

- Policies more or less in line with this have been taken at some universities, notably the universities of Lund and Stockholm
Mandates

- The Swedish Research Council requires free access to research results

Researchers will have to guarantee that publications are available according to Open Access within a maximum period of six months.

The Open-Access rules apply so far only to scientifically assessed texts in journals and conference reports, and not to monographs and chapters of books.

The requirement will apply to the Research Council's advertisements from the turn of the year 2010.

Decision taken by the Board on October 5 2009
Institutional Repositories

• Almost all universities and major university colleges have IRs
• Dissertations and undergrad theses dominated, now more articles, conference papers and reports
• Uppsala UL system DiVA, used by 23 HE institutions in a consortium
• Others use Dspace, Eprints, and local solutions
• Integration of IRs and publication databases
Open Access journals

• Many Swedish researchers contribute to OA journals and take part in editorial boards of i.a. PloS Biology, PLoS One and PLoS Medicine

• There are 21 Swedish scientific journals in DOAJ Social Science, Humanities, IT, Public Health etc
National Library of Sweden and OA

- The National Library of Sweden combines the mission of a “traditional” national library with that of a national research library authority

- Promoting Open Access in Sweden concerns the accessibility of Swedish research publications today and in the future. This harmonizes well with the basic mission of a national library.

- The national library can guarantee long-term sustainability of new OA services.
Forming the OpenAccess.se programme

- The NL Sweden had supported development of institutional repositories and discussion of OA models in Sweden + development of DOAJ

- Now the time had come to
  - Create a platform for practical co-operation between the main bodies of research and the research libraries
  - To integrate different lines of work concerning Open Access and electronic publishing
OpenAccess.se

• Strategic goal:
  To promote maximum accessibility and visibility of works produced by researchers, teachers and students at Swedish universities and university colleges

• Runs 2006-2009, ca 3-400 000 Euro/year, funded by the National Library of Sweden, the Knowledge Foundation and the Swedish Research Council
The OpenAccess.se is a

Long-term, strategic co-operation between

• The National Library of Sweden
• Swedish university libraries,
• The Association of Swedish Higher Education (SUHF),
• The Swedish Research Council,
• The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
• The Swedish Knowledge Foundation,

• Not in itself a network of repositories
• Nor a lobby group
Objectives

• To promote co-ordination and development of standards and tools for electronic publishing

• To promote growth of the volume and diversity of material in academic repositories

• To promote access to and use of content in academic repositories and Open Access journals
Objectives

• To secure long-term access to digital publications and other material in academic repositories

• To develop quality standards for content and services

• To support publishing in Open Access journals and the migration of Swedish scientific journals to an Open Access model
Priorities

• Priority number one: to create a critical mass of open content in IRs, and foremost of self-archived scientific and scholarly articles

• Actual focus
  – To promote growth of the volume and diversity of material
  – To promote access to and use of content in academic repositories and Open Access journals
  – To support publishing in Open Access journals and the migration of Swedish scientific journals to an Open Access model
Core projects

• **Unified access to and reporting of Swedish scientific publications**
  - The project will develop a service within Libris that
    - Harvests metadata for all Swedish scientific publications from the publication databases of all HE institutions
    - Makes the metadata accessible for searching by end users and to other services
    - Facilitates the use of the metadata for the reporting and analysis of the Swedish scientific publishing output

• **The strategic aim is to**
  - Improve the visibility and accessibility of Swedish scientific publications
  - Increase the share of Swedish scientific publications that is Open Access by integrating IRs with publication databases, offering a one-time registration and deposit of full-text
  - Provide a unified and comparable basis for reporting of Swedish scientific publishing output
Core projects

• Information and incentives for researchers
  – Creating OA Information for Researchers
    Website for instructional material about OA to be used by all interested parties
    Seminars targeted to researchers within universities
  – Access to Nobel Prize awarded works – a pilot

• Parallell publishing / self-archiving
  – Parallell Publishing of Scientific Articles
    Trials and interviews with researchers
  – Domain modeling of rights and terms …
    automated support for parallel publishing
Core projects

• Diversity of content
  – Open Educational Resources in open digital archives
  – Research data in Humanities and Arts sciences – Open Access?
  – Complex digital objects within artistic higher education and research

• OA journals
  – Aiding scientific journals towards Open Access publishing
  – Best practices guide to Open Access publishing
  – Sponsor support for DOAJ
How the programme operates

• General and specific calls for proposals each year

  From 2008-2009 the Swedish Knowledge Foundation co-funds projects with a special interest in access to learning resources

• Projects may cover development of new services, standardization, advocacy, user surveys, legal and economic analysis, state of the art reports etc

• Specialized seminars and major conferences for all involved in electronic publishing within higher education
OpenAccess.se - Scholarly Publishing

The OpenAccess.se program (OA) is intended to promote maximum accessibility and visibility of works produced by researchers, teachers and students. We accomplish this by supporting electronic publishing at Swedish institutions of higher education.

Mandates
- Coordinate and develop standards and tools for e-publication
- Increase the volume and diversity of content in open archives
- Promote the use of material in open archives and OA journals
- Improve the quality of content and services
- Promote long-term access to the digital publications of academic institutions
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OA News
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Complex digital objects in open archives
How are repositories and national services going to integrate the very complex works produced within higher education and research in Arts? What would be a user-friendly re...

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and thank you for listening!

Questions?

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