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Max Planck Society pledges financial support for New Journal of Physics

In a show of support for open-access publishing, the Max Planck Society (MPS) announced today that, with immediate effect, it would enter into an agreement with the open-access journal New Journal of Physics (NJP) [1]. The arrangement will see the Max Planck Society pay the NJP article publication charge centrally for all of its scientists who submit work to the journal, for an initial period, before the end of 2008.

"Receiving the endorsement of a research organization with the international stature of the Max Planck Society is a key development for New Journal of Physics and its open-access publishing model." said Ken Lillywhite, Journals Business Director at Institute of Physics Publishing. "We are delighted to maximize the opportunity for researchers at Max-Planck institutes to benefit from publishing with the journal and as a result look forward to the prospect of NJP establishing itself yet further as a premier research journal serving the whole physics community."

"The Max Planck Society is committed to open access. According to the Berlin Declaration [2] the MPS advocates the publication of scientific works in journals which are dedicated to open access" said Kurt Mehlhorn, Vice President of the Max Planck Society. "The MPS aims to find solutions that support further development of the existing financial framework of scientific publishing. I am strongly convinced that offering our scientists the opportunity to make their papers open access will be a success because it provides authors with extra choice and will improve access to published articles. Physicists from the MPS have been engaged in the development of the New Journal of Physics from the very beginning. Now we are happy to support our scientists to publish their results in this established open-access journal."

Co-owned by the Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft and Institute of Physics, New Journal of Physics is an open-access, electronic-only journal publishing original research articles across the whole field of physics. Since 2001 the journal has grown by more than 900% and over 40,000 NJP articles are now downloaded each month. NJP's official 2004 Impact Factor is 3.095.

Permanently free to read, NJP is funded solely by article publication charges.

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Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities

Preface

The Internet has fundamentally changed the practical and economic realities of distributing scientific knowledge and cultural heritage. For the first time ever, the Internet now offers the chance to constitute a global and interactive representation of human knowledge, including cultural heritage and the guarantee of worldwide access.

We, the undersigned, feel obliged to address the challenges of the Internet as an emerging functional medium for distributing knowledge. Obviously, these developments will be able to significantly modify the nature of scientific publishing as well as the existing system of quality assurance.

In accordance with the spirit of the Declaration of the Budapest Open Access Initiative, the ECHO Charter and the Bethesda Statement on Open Access Publishing, we have drafted the Berlin Declaration to promote the Internet as a functional instrument for a global scientific knowledge base and human reflection and to specify measures which research policy makers, research institutions, funding agencies, libraries, archives and museums need to consider.

Goals

Our mission of disseminating knowledge is only half complete if the information is not made widely and readily available to society. New possibilities of knowledge dissemination not only through the classical form but also and increasingly through the open access paradigm via the Internet have to be supported. We define open access as a comprehensive source of human knowledge and cultural heritage that has been approved by the scientific community.

In order to realize the vision of a global and accessible representation of knowledge, the future Web has to be sustainable, interactive, and transparent. Content and software tools must be openly accessible and compatible.

Definition of an Open Access Contribution

Establishing open access as a worthwhile procedure ideally requires the active commitment of each and every individual producer of scientific knowledge and holder of cultural heritage. Open access contributions include original scientific research results, raw data and metadata, source materials, digital representations of pictorial and graphical materials and scholarly multimedia material.

Open access contributions must satisfy two conditions:

1. The author(s) and right holder(s) of such contributions grant(s) to all users a free, irrevocable, worldwide, right of access to, and a license to copy, use, distribute, transmit and display the work publicly and to make and distribute derivative works, in any digital medium for any responsible purpose, subject to proper attribution of authorship (community standards, will continue to provide the mechanism for enforcement of proper attribution and responsible use of the published work, as they do now), as well as the right to make small numbers of printed copies for their personal use.
2. A complete version of the work and all supplemental materials, including a copy of the permission as stated above, in an appropriate standard electronic format is deposited (and thus published) in at least one online repository using suitable technical standards (such as the Open Archive definitions) that is supported and maintained by an academic institution, scholarly society, government agency, or other well-established organization that seeks to enable open access, unrestricted distribution, interoperability, and long-term archiving.

Supporting the Transition to the Electronic Open Access Paradigm

Our organizations are interested in the further promotion of the new open access paradigm to gain the most benefit for science and society. Therefore, we intend to make progress by

- encouraging our researchers/grant recipients to publish their work according to the principles of the open access paradigm.
- encouraging the holders of cultural heritage to support open access by providing their resources on the Internet.
- developing means and ways to evaluate open access contributions and online-journals in order to maintain the standards of quality assurance and good scientific practice.
- advocating that open access publication be recognized in promotion and tenure evaluation.
- advocating the intrinsic merit of contributions to an open access infrastructure by software tool development, content provision, metadata creation, or the publication of individual articles.

We realize that the process of moving to open access changes the dissemination of knowledge with respect to legal and financial aspects. Our organizations aim to find solutions that support further development of the existing legal and financial frameworks in order to facilitate optimal use and access.

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Governments, universities, research institutions, funding agencies, foundations, libraries, museums, archives, learned societies and professional associations who share the vision expressed in the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities are therefore invited to join the signatories that have already signed the Declaration.

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