Open Access policies: bottom-up and top-down approaches in universities

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Chair Prof. Vincenzo Milanesi, Rector of the University of Padua, sends his best wishes to the Berlin 4 delegates in Golm

Golm
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Bottom-up approach

- University libraries are implementing and promoting open archives
- Most of these archives are attractive, effective, easy-to-use but...
- … they are empty 😞
Top-down approach

- Domestic lobbying
- International lobbying
- CRUI policies
- Events
Domestic lobbying

- November 2004, Messina: > 30 Italian universities declared their support to the Berlin Declaration
- End 2005: 74/77 signatures
- Signatures were decided by the highest academic authorities (Senato Accademico- Consiglio di Amministrazione)
International lobbying

- Participation to initiatives in the EU and UNO, e.g.:
  - UNESCO: at the 33rd General Assembly in Paris, 3-21 October 2005, the Italian delegation presented a resolution on Open Access within the 5th Committee on Communication and Information:
    - DR 33/C 68 Open Access

http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001408/140864e.pdf
CRUI policies (1)

- The CRUI Working Group on Electronic Publishing has recently issued recommendations for academic publishing activities, including actions for Open Access, available [in Italian] at: http://eprints.unifi.it/archive/00001209/
CRUI policies (2)

- 5th April 2006: new CRUI Working Group devoted to Open Access, where OA Italian experts and representatives from the most active universities will share experiences and ideas. Its main goals:

- to promote Open Access by the Italian academic community and make researchers aware of its benefits;
- to encourage Italian universities that signed the Berlin Declaration to adopt Open Access policies, following the results of Berlin 3 in Southampton;
- to support, through guidelines and recommendations, the actual implementation of repositories and OA publishing initiatives, following the roadmap issued from Berlin 2 in Geneva.
Events

- Several national meetings and conferences on Open Access
- Participation to international initiatives
- Berlin 5 in Padua
Italian Roadmap

- Combine top-down and bottom-up approaches:
  - national policy (CRUI)
  - local support and promotion (Institutional Repositories)
- Inter-institutional layer:
  - national service providers (PLEIADI)
  - technical support (AePIC)
Open problems

- **Resources**
  - human
  - financial

- **Copyright**
  - retention still far from researchers’ culture

- **Research evaluation**
  - new metrics needed (and standards)
  - role of IRs (mandate full-text deposit)
See you at Berlin 5 in Padua!

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