

Impressions of Berlin 4 OA

- Core issues of the OA movement: archives and publishing
 - Seeing more repositories, more use of them, more services (Swan, Suber, Preussner, ...), a keystone of OA.
 - Archiving being seen as one part of a larger research and information system (Mehlhorn, Emery, Renn).
 - Serious work with publishers is making real advances in OA (Terry, Voss).
 - Impressive progress in achieving acceptance of new forms of peer review (Poeschl).
 - Demonstration that OA journals can become prestige journals (Poeschl, Bodenschatz, Hicks, Scherhauer).
 - Increasing awareness in political systems (Sunder, Wassenburg, Swan, Terry, Hagemann, De Beer, Kuchma, Arunachalam, Griffin, Bruckmann, Fournier, Wanka, ...)



- Open Access as a global issue
 - Seen as a key issue in WSIS (Geiger), OECD (Fukasaku), UNESCO (sponsoring B4OA)
 - Vital to scientists in developing countries, both for keeping up with worldwide research and for disseminating their own work (Hagemann, De Beer, Kuchma, Arunachalam)
- Open Access is a larger issue than just publishing
 - Access to scientific data, supporting collaborations (Voges, Weitzman, Proudman)
 - Access to cultural heritage (Renn, Lossau, Doorn, ...)
 - New research tools that can be built in an OA environment (Wilbanks, Jensen)
- More signatures on the Berlin Declaration
 - Lyon University
 - Creative Commons
- Satellite Workshop on Services for OA Publishing taking place this afternoon – all welcome to stay for it



Looking forward ...

- Berlin 5 in Padua in March 2007, subsequent Berlin meeting at CERN possibly in 2008.
- A Max Planck view:
 - OA is very much in the interests of scholarly activity, and technology makes it natural. MPG will continue to support its scholars.
 - it is our responsibility to work with stakeholders in our scholarly system – funders, publishers, research institutions, scholars – to help ensure that the transition to an OA world is as smooth and painless as possible.
 - MPG will actively encourage further development of strategies, coordination among major players
 - MPG and CERN plan to work together on key themes to provide infrastructure and support to OA activities (Renn, next)
 - as the OA movement matures and has a greater and greater impact, there is an increasing need to view it as part of the larger scientific information system that future scientists will work in (Luce, closing remarks)





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