Abstract
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Open Access Movement in Ukraine

The project Open access to research literature of IRF is implemented in cooperation with Information program of Open Society Institute (OSI) and Electronic Information for Libraries Consortia (eIFL).

Open Access (OA) Movement in Ukraine started in March 2004 with awareness raising campaing (article about OA in one of the most influential weeklies *Dzerkalo Tyzhnia*). Next step – a seminar about OA journals for the editors of scientific and scholarly journals (society publishers) in April 2004 for all the editors of all Ukrainian academic journals published by the institutions of NAS organized in cooperation with National Academy of Sciences (NAS) of Ukraine.

On February 17-19, 2005, an international OA Scholarly Communication Workshop was hosted by National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and organized by IRF, OSI, NAS and International Association of Academies of Sciences for 140 researchers, administrators, librarians, information managers from higher educational institutions and scientific research laboratories involved in e-journal publishing and institutional repository development from 17 countries. Workshop participants signed Recommendations for harmonization of national educational policy with OA. These Recommendations were endorsed by Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister. After the workshop Access to Knowledge web-site (www.a2k.org.ua) was developed in cooperation with NGO Privacy Ukraine.

On October 2005 a network of OA repositories in Ukraine was launched by Informatio Consortia and Scientific Library of National University Kyiv Mohyla Academy with 9 other Universities (presented at the national conference INFORMATIO 2005 for university and regional universal scientific libraries).

In December 2005 Parliamentary hearing on Developing information society in Ukraine resulted into Parliamentary Inquiry on Harmonization of Governmental Educational Policies re OA movement. OA was called as one of the priorities in developing information society, the Cabinet of Ministers should create favorable conditions for developing OA repositories in archives, libraries, museums and other cultural institutions and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine should encourage development of OA resources in science, technology and education with OA condition to state funded researches. OA is also one of the priorities in National strategy on developing information society in Ukraine introduced to Ukrainian Parliament by Parliamentary Committee on Science and Education.

In 2006 we keep promotion of OA and awareness raising (informational workshops for interested scholars and academic institutions encouraging research and higher educational institutions to practice OA, informational workshops for the journalists about OA, competition for the journalist writing about OA, competitions of students' researches about OA). We keep working on including Ukrainian OA journals into Directory of OA Journals and indexing Ukrainian OA journals by Google. We keep working on the policy level (Access to Knowledge Act, adaptation of Creative Commons licenses, implementing harmonization of national educational policy with OA movement and OA condition to state funded researches and cultural heritage). We also plan to investigate Ukrainian scholars' and journal editors' attitude to OA. And we keep consultations on development of OA journals (organizational and technical support, policy and business-plans development, training) for the interested society publishers.

Within these years we realized that cooperation is crucial and we keep working with our partners: apart from OA Project of Information program of Open Society Institute (OSI) and eIFL they are NGO Privacy Ukraine, Internet Access and Training program (IATP) of International Researches and Exchanges Board (IREX), Fulbright Exchange program, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Parliamentary Committee for Education and Science, Internews Ukraine, Ukrainian Internet Society.