

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

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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...

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■ ... they are empty ⊗





Top-down approach

- Domestic lobbying
- International lobbying
- CRUI policies
- Events

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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)

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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

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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/

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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.

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Events

- Several national meetings and conferences on Open Access
- Participation to international initiatives

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Italian Roadmap

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

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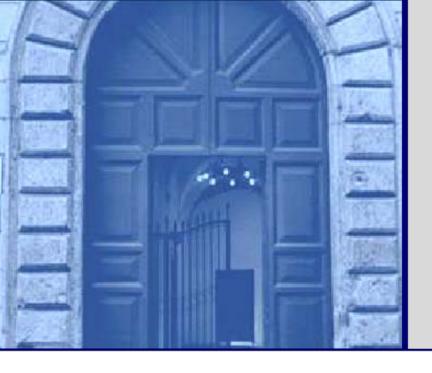




Open problems

- Resources
 - □ human
 - ☐ financial
- Copyright
 - retention still far from researchers' culture
- Research evaluation
 - new metrics needed (and standards)
 - role of IRs (mandate full-text deposit)

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See you at Berlin 5 in Padua!



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