



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

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## **Committee for University Libraries**

**Chair Prof. Vincenzo Milanese,  
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...**
- **... 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**

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001408/140864e.pdf>

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## 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.

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## **Events**

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

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## 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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