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## Scholarly Communication: Future Perspectives

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### **Bethesda Statement**

Bethesda Statement was born in June 2003

This is the foundation of many Statements and Declarations on Open Access

Dhttp://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/b
ethesda.htm

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### **Two routes**

### Two routes to Open Access:

#### Open Access Journals

- depending on the model, publication costs shift from the subscriber to the author
- listed at http://www.doaj.org/
- Open Archive Repositories
  - an activity usually called self-archiving
  - repositories can be subject- or institutionally-based

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### SHERPA

20 institutional repositories live in the UK
 Typically store post-prints or preprints of journal articles
 Uses the OAI-PMH protocol as a Data Provider
 Copyright check via Romeo listing

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### **SHERP**A

#### SHERPA

SHERPA is investigating issues in the future of scholarly communication and publishing. In particular, it is developing open-access institutional repositories in a number of research universities. These eprint repositories or archives facilitate the worldwide rapid and efficient dissemination of research findings.

The project is investigating issues surrounding the development and use of such repositories.

- <u>Advice</u> includes the <u>SHERPA/RoMEO Publishers' Copyright Listings</u>, practical advice on depositing material and copyright and a guide to self archiving
- Use the <u>Archives</u> section to find open-access archives and search services for the UK HE community and worldwide
- The <u>Links</u> section gives access to other initiatives, organisations working in the field, and related background information
- Project <u>Contacts</u> are listed for each of the partners and for supporting organisations

SHERPA: Securing a Hybrid Environment for Research Preservation and Access.

SHERPA is funded by <u>JISC</u> and <u>CURL</u>. It is hosted by the <u>University of Nottingham</u>.

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... opening access to research



#### News

New repositories listing project announced

New eprints preservation project announced

New eTheses project announced

curl

more news...

JISC

### SHERPA

□Funded by JISC and CURL

Dat <u>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/</u>

Directory of Open Access Repositories also funded with OSI and SPARC Europe

Dat <u>http://www.opendoar.org/</u>

a collaboration with the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) at Lund

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### **SHERPA** Preservation





# 5. Strengths of the Open Access approach

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### Strengths

 Research becomes more visible when stored in an Open Access source
 Subscription is no longer a barrier to access
 See Harnad and Brody at http://www.dlib.org/dlib/june04/har

nad/06harnad.html

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# 5. Strengths of the Open Access approach

### 6. Drivers for Change

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UK Parliamentary enquiry into STM Publishing

#### See

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/ pa/cm200304/cmselect/cmsctech/399/3 9902.htm

Parliamentary debate after the next General Election

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 Statements of support from funders:
 Wellcome Trust at <u>http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/doc\_WTD0</u>

02766.html

□National Institutes of Health

<u>http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/feb2005/o</u> <u>d-03.htm/</u>

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Deposit recommended in an Open Access repository, to be run by the NLM, within 12 months of publication
 Originally the time lag was to be 6 months...

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□ The NIH's decision represents a big change. The \$30 billion that it spends on research each year leads to the publication of around 60,000 papers annually--some 11% of the total published in the medical field. Indeed, the organisation says that its actual impact is much higher, with 30-50% of the most important papers (the ones that get cited extensively by other researchers) having had NIH sponsorship (Economist.com 10/2/2005)

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Formal policy statement to be issued by Research Councils UK in March 2005
 The next Research Assessment round in 2008.
 JISC issuing a call for studies to link Repositories to the RAE

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The new JISC Repositories call 3/05 at <a href="http://www.jisc.ac.uk/index.cfm?name=funding\_circular3\_05">http://www.jisc.ac.uk/index.cfm?name=funding\_circular3\_05</a>
 £4 million over two years <a href="http://www.jisc.ac.uk/index.cfm?name">http://www.jisc.ac.uk/index.cfm?name</a>

available

A further call will be made in 2006

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# 5. Strengths of the Open Access approach

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- 7. Weaknesses

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### Weaknesses

- Advocacy to academics and researchers
   UCL Clinical Sciences Faculty has mandated deposit in the UCL Repository
   More Faculties will follow...
- General public not yet fully engaged with the social impact of Open Access

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## Conclusion

Institutions have well-articulated Information Needs
The Open Access movement has a role to play
The nature of that role is emerging
Open Access creates visibility for research output
In Health Sciences, are patient care and patient empowerment a driver?

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### And now

# Thanks for listening Questions, and perhaps, some Answers

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