

Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Implementing open access policy

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 5th November 2013

Venue: Banqueting Hall, Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Professor Martin Hall, Vice-Chancellor, University of Salford and Chair, UK Open Access Implementation Group
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The implementation of Open Access**
Professor the Lord Krebs, Chair, House of Lords Science & Technology Select Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **Implementation issues of Open Access**
What are the implications of a 6 and 12-month embargo period for research published under the 'Green' model, and should these periods be applied to all disciplines equally or should there be flexibility? Will the limited availability of APC (Article Processing Charges) funding lead to a concentration of university funding for publication by senior academics and disadvantage early career researchers? Are concerns of 'academic freedom' relating to the RCUK requirement that research uses the CC-BY license (Creative Commons-Attribution) justified; should other licenses be accepted? Is the CC-BY license requirement likely to result in publishers raising their APCs, and if so what impact would this have on the cost/benefit rationale of the 'Gold' model? What would be the effect of taking up the BIS Select Committee's recommendation that there should be no stated Government preference between 'Green' and 'Gold' models during the transition stage? How will the adoption of the differing models, for example the adoption of the 'Green' model by other developed nations including the US, affect UK universities, academics and publishers? How can government help learned societies in the transition to open access without causing distortions in the publishing market?
Dr Audrey McCulloch, Chief Executive, ALPSP (Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers)
Professor Stevan Harnad, Professor in Web Science, University of Southampton
John Neilson, College Secretary and Registrar, Imperial College London
Robert Kiley, Head of Digital Services, Wellcome Library
Wim van der Stelt, Executive Vice President Corporate Strategy, Springer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.40 **Open Access policy across Europe**
Dr Otakar Fojt, Senior Science & Innovation Adviser, Science and Innovation Network of the UK Government, British Embassy Prague
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Professor Martin Hall, Vice-Chancellor, University of Salford and Chair, UK Open Access Implementation Group
- 10.45 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods MP, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary University Group
- 11.10 - 11.40 **'e-publishing for the global humanities and social sciences: learning from the South'**
The potential for open access to encourage a more globalised approach to the dissemination of academic research.
Professor Martin Hall, Vice-Chancellor, University of Salford and Chair, UK Open Access Implementation Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Maximising the potential of Open Access**
What impact is open access policy likely to have on commercialisation of research? Will the adoption of the 'Gold' model give the UK a competitive advantage for commercialisation due to the more rapid dissemination of research when compared to the 'Green' model? How should government promote the benefits of open access to businesses? What steps could be taken to support SMEs to effectively utilise open access research? Are academics likely to change the language used in their research output to maximise accessibility for businesses and the wider public in light of open access? Does the proposed Digital Copyright Exchange hold lessons for improving 'discoverability' of academic research once open access is fully implemented; what role can be played by search engines? Will open access increase the possibility of new journals to enter the academic publishing market? Should the EU abolish VAT charges on e-published journals, as suggested by the BIS Select Committee? In what ways could open access to research be used by e-learning providers and universities to improve the distance learning study experience? How can wider public readership of academic research be achieved?
Dr Wolfram Horstmann, Associate Director, Digital Library Programmes and Information Technologies, Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford
Mark Ware, Director, Mark Ware Consulting
Professor Nicholas Canny, Chair, Working Group on Open Access, European Research Council
Dr Phill Jones, Head of External Partnerships, ReadCube, Macmillan Science and Technology
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Open Access policy - analysis of reforms so far and what next for policy?**
Adrian Bailey MP, Chair, Business, Innovation and Skills Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods MP, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary University Group
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum