What Next For Open Access Policy?

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Liège University Scholarship (EOS)
Institutional inventory 🤪
The "Liège Model"
ORBi

- 2007: Institutional mandate
- Full text mandatory for articles since 2002
- Launched Nov 2008
- Linked to research assessment/evaluation
Benefits: citations

Impact on the average citation number of the presence or not in ORBi of articles found in Scopus (n=351) or in WoS (n=7673) in 2011-2012.
Compliance rate: in % of WOS

13 %

87 %

PASTEUR4OA (2015)
D 3.1 – Report on policy recording exercise
Deposit efficiency and mandate strength

No mandate
- Open access 3%
- Restricted access 4%
- Metadata only 3%
- Not deposited 90%

Mandate
- Open access 37%
- Restricted access 13%
- Metadata only 14%
- Not deposited 74%

ULg mandate
- Open access 37%
- Restricted access 13%
- Metadata only 50%
- Not deposited 50%

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Evaluation
Sept. 2015

604 responses
75.5% anonymous

very unsatisfied
6%

very satisfied
34%

satisfied
57%
What's next?

• The dangers of Gold
  • *escalation of APC costs*

• The dangers of Green
  • *rise of national research assessment exercises and national OA mandates, ➡ growing pressure to consolidate research data, ➡ expect large publishing companies to offer services (direct access to data)*

• The dictatorship of Prestige and the researchers' Stockholm syndrome
The impact factor deception

Number of citations in 2014 per article published in *Nature* in 2012-13

I.F.: 2014 : 41.4

(y articles are cited x times)

Number of citations in 2014

Number of articles

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The prestige/reliability correlation

Fang and Casadevall’s “retraction index”:
Number of retractions in the journal from 2001 to 2010, multiplied by 1000, and divided by the number of published articles with abstracts.

(p < 0.0001 by Spearman rank correlation)
The future of scholarly communication?
But, said Alice, if the world has absolutely No Sense, who's stopping us from Inventing One?
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A publicly run platform (or several)

Open peer reviewing

Preservation of institutional repositories
Transparency is not just a slogan, it is a cause.
Thank you!