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Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe



Open Access Activities in Slovenia

Research is carried out at four universities (of Ljubljana, Maribor, Primorska and Nova Gorica) and at institutes. The largest of them are the Jožef Stefan Institute, Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, National Institute of Chemistry, Institute of Oncology and Agricultural Institute of Slovenia. Major funders of research nationally are Slovenian Research Agency and Slovenian Technology Agency.

The awareness of open access to scientific publications and data is weak within the Slovenian research community with sporadic enthusiasts. There are no funder or institutional mandates in Slovenia for depositing publications from publicly financed research into open access repositories.

The major open access initiatives comprise of four DRIVER compatible repositories (dLib.si, DKUM, EPrints.FRI and ELPUB) and twenty open access journals, registered in DOAJ.

The major breakthrough in raising the awareness was the conference Open access to the achievements of Slovenian scientists (Ljubljana, October 27-28, 2010), which brought together the funders, the researchers and the librarians. Considering the size of the country (2 million inhabitants) and its research output the establishment of a national infrastructure of open access, following the best worldwide practices, was suggested as the most appropriate scheme.

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FP7 Projects in Slovenia

EU CHIC – European Cultural Heritage Identity Card

Environment – cultural heritage

University of Ljubljana (coordinator). The aim of the project is to set-up a systematic collection and storage of data on immovable heritage objects across European and neighbouring countries.

<http://www.eu-chic.eu>

LIVIMODE – Light-based Functional in Vivo Monitoring of Disease-related Enzymes

Chemical biology – bioimaging

Jožef Stefan Institute (coordinator). LIVIMODE is developing novel powerful imaging agents which are intended for the direct visualization and investigation of disease-related molecular processes by in vivo imaging.

<http://livimode.eu>

Some thoughts

"The main goal of intellectual property rights is not to protect existing property, but to enable rapid creation of new intellectual property. Open access to results of publicly funded research is aligned with this goal."

Prof Dr Žiga Turk,
former Minister and Secretary
General of the Reflection Group
on the Future of Europe

"Open access is the way to ensure free movement of knowledge as the Fifth Freedom of the Treaty of Lisbon."

Prof Dr Franc Viktor Nekrep,
Professor Emeritus,
University of Ljubljana