National Open Access policy

The Cyprus case

OpenAIRE

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BACKGROUND OVERVIEW

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Local facts and acts (1)

❖ **UCYLibrary contributes with…**

   ❖Participating in OA European projects since

      ❖2009OpenAIRE /2011 OpenAIREplus/2015 OpenAIRE2020 as National Open Access Desk

   ❖FOSTER (event 2015)

   ❖PASTEUR4OA Key Node Organization

With the support of the European projects and their partners is:

❖Leading Open Science issues

❖Celebrating / Organizing Open Access week events

❖Support the Creative Commons Cyprus working group

❖Organizes and coordinates the Working Group for Open Access in Cyprus

❖etc

Local facts and acts (2)

❖ November 2008 the Senate of the University of Cyprus, supported and accepted the Library Committee's proposal to sign the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities. (http://oa.mpg.de/lang/en-uk/berlin-prozess/signatoren/). Berlin declaration was also signed in 2011 by the Governing board of the Cyprus University of Technology.

❖ In October 2009 the Cyprus Academic Library Consortium (CALC) has signed a nationwide subscription contract with BMC (Biomed Central) for an open access model to the BMC journals. According to the author-pay-model-contract the contribution fee for all authors from Cyprus institutes (public and private Universities, research centres, hospitals etc.) will be discounted by 50% for their future publications to BMC journals.

❖ On the 21st of October 2013 it was the launch of the «Cyprus University of Technology Open Access Author Fund». The agreement between the Cyprus University of Technology Library and the Pharmaceutical company REMEDICA was signed, in order Academic publications to be funded with the Open Access terms.

❖ Cyprus University of Technology Library and Open University of Cyprus organize or participate in Open Access Week events and support OA initiatives in Cyprus such as the creation of the National Repository or the National Policy.

❖ The Cyprus Association of Librarians-Information Scientists support/participate in OA events

Working Group for OA

UCY Library - KN initiatives

1. Two meetings (22/4/2015 & 22/10/2015) of the national working group* for OA (OPENAIRE & PASTEUR4OA).

2. National Workshop for Open Access, during Open Access week 2015 (22-23/10/2015, support by OPENAIRE, FOSTER, PASTEUR4OA)

3. Collaboration with the NPR for OA for the development of the Cyprus National Policy for OA

* representatives of all Academic institutions of Cyprus and their libraries, member of the board of the Cyprus Association of Librarians-Information Scientists (CALIS), the NRP for OA in Cyprus (Directorate General for European Programs - Coordination and Development) and the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus.

OA policy implementation (1)

Step 1

Cyprus PASTEUR4OA key node has used the policy template for research institutions translated in Greek language i.e. "Proposal for an open access policy for Serbia" as a sample for National Policies. These documents have been the basic tools for the development of the National Open Access Policy for Cyprus.

Step 2

The draft document was forwarded to the members of the Cyprus National Working Group for Open Access. The NWG4OA consisted by representatives of all Academic institutions of Cyprus and their libraries, member of the board of the Cyprus Association of Librarians-Information Scientists (CALIS), the NPRs for OA in Cyprus (Directorate General for European Programs - Coordination and Development) and the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus.

Step 3

The document was under Public Consultation before its final approvement for the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus

OA policy implementation (2)

❖**Step 4**

On the 25th of February 2016, the Council of ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, approved the National policy for Open Access in Cyprus.

The document of the Cyprus OA policy is available on the <u>**National Strategy for Research and Innovation page**</u> **of the Directorate General for European Programmes, Coordination and Development.**

❖ **Step 5**

Introduction and Dissemination of the Policy to the Local Research Community

❖ **Step 6**

Adoption of the policy from the National Funder

          New funding schema Restart 2016-2020

Future plans

The National policy, provides guidelines and support for the implementation of Open Access to research outputs that are funded locally, aligned with the European policies and based on the already established infrastructure in European level (e.g. OpenAIRE).

❖Several activities are and will take place in Cyprus in order to support the adoption of the national policy and ensure the success of its implementation.

❖Institutional policies will now be the next step in order to be aligned with the National policy.

OpenAIRE through the local NOAD, will continue to have the key role on these strategic local infrastructures.

Thank you!

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