OSI and eIFL's Work to Spread Open Access in Developing Countries

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Overview of presentation

- Background on OSI & BOAI
- Introduction to Open Access
- eIFL Open Access Program

Open Society Institute

- Private, grant-making foundation funded by George Soros which aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal, and social reform
- Network of national foundations in 67 countries.

OSI's Information Program

- eIFL
- ICT Toolsets
- Intellectual Property and Knowledge Governance
- Internet & Information Policy
- Open Access Project
- Open Source
- Technology Support for Civil Society

Driving force behind open access – Dissatisfaction at all levels

- <u>Authors</u>: their work is not seen by all their peers – do not receive the recognition they deserve

- <u>Readers</u>: cannot view all research literature they need – less effective

- <u>Libraries</u>: cannot satisfy information needs of their users

Background of the BOAI

December 2001, Budapest: OSI held a meeting of leaders exploring alternative publishing models. Concluded that "open access" was the goal and agreed on two main strategies for achieving it:

1. open access journals
2. self-archiving/institutional repositories

Definition of open access

In using the term 'open access', we mean the free availability of peer-reviewed literature on the public internet, permitting any user to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of the articles.

OSI's Open Access Project

- Builds upon principles outlined in BOAI and aims to assist the international effort to make research articles in all academic fields freely available online.
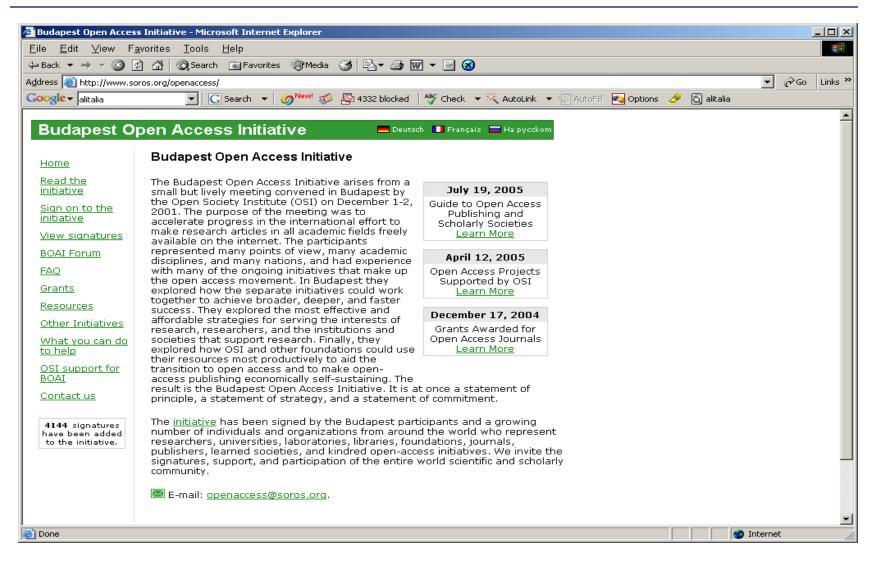
OSI's Open Access Project

- Projects supported:
  - tools (DOAJ, DOAR)
  - guides (Guide to Open Access Publishing and Scholarly Societies, IR Software)
  - Advocacy (Open Access News, SPARC)
  - Research (Economics of OA)
  - Conferences (OAI4)
  - eIFL OA Program

Grants' announcement

Bioline International Official Site (site up-dated regularly) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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BIOLINE INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES OSI SUPPORT TO EXTEND ITS WORK WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

CALL FOR SUBMISSION

Bioline International (BI http://www.bioline.org.br) is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant of US$30,000 from the Open Society Institute's Open Access Project. The grant will support the incorporation of ten additional bioscience and health journals published in developing countries into the BI system.

It is now well recognized that scientific publishers from developing countries have difficulties raising the visibility of their journal publications, due to various financial and technical constraints. However, publishers increasingly understand the great value of open access as a way to incorporate local research into the mainstream knowledge base. Already, over 40 peer-reviewed journals are collaborating with BI, and for many publications, document downloads have increased by ten-fold as a result. In addition, one of the journals on the system reports a substantial increase in submission rates and a three-fold increase in citation impact over a three year period. Several publishers also report that the number of international authors submitting manuscripts to their journals has been steadily increasing, indicating that researchers now recognize and value the increased visibility and impact provided by open access.

Journals publishers interested in providing open access to their publications should make contact with BI and submit the **attached form**, giving information about their journal(s).

The applications will be considered by a panel consisting of members from Bioline International and OSI.

BI is a South/North (Brazil, Canada) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the transformation of essential research information to OAI compliant format and providing an Internet platform for the free and open distribution of information that currently is largely "invisible" to the

Additional Information

eIFL.net

- An independent foundation that strives to lead, negotiate, support and advocate for the wide availability of electronic resources by library users in transition and developing countries.

- Operates through a network of national library consortia in 55 countries.

eIFL Open Access Program

- Supported by OSI
- Call for Interest among eIFL members:
  - Serbia, KoBSON, November 2003 & November 2005
  - South Africa, SASLI, July 2004 & May 2005
  - Ukraine, IRF, February 2005
  - Lithuania, LMBA, February 2005
  - China, LCAS, June 2005
  - Slovenia, COSEC, November 2005
  - Russia, NEICON, 2006

Serbia

- Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition
- Open Access Scholarly Communication Workshop, National Library of Serbia, November 2003
- Open Access Seminar w/focus on Citation Impact, November 2005

South Africa

- SASLI (South Africa Site Licensing Initiative)
- Open Access to Scholarly Communications Workshop, July 2004
- 3 day IR Workshop, May 2005
- Creation of OA Working Group (SASLI, University of KwaZulu-Natal, University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University)

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Ukraine

- International Renaissance Foundation (national Soros foundation)
- Open Access Conference, February 2005
  - Recommendations endorsed by Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister
- Parliamentary Inquiry, September 21, Harmonization of Governmental Educational Policies re OA
- National Network of Open Access Repositories (2006), 8 institutions

Lithuania

- Lithuanian Research Library Consortia
- Open Access Scholarly Communication Workshop. Target group: policy makers, scientific community, librarians, information specialists, programmers, February 2005
- "Open Access - Revolution in the Scholarly Publishing?" Target group: vice rectors of the universities, policy makers for scholarly communication, scientific community, librarians, June 2005
- Development of Lithuanian Academic Libraries Network (national IR network); Received EU Structural Funds, considering Fedora, team led by Kaunas University

China

- Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences
- International Conference on Strategies and Policies for Open Access to Scientific Information, Beijing, June 2005
  - Recommendations: require that all government funded research be published in OA; reform current system of review of S&T achievements so as to encourage academics to publish in OA; support leading journals to convert to OA
- Conducting studies of OA policies in other countries

Slovenia

- Consortium of Slovenian Electronic Collections
- OA presentation at National Slovenian Librarians' Conference, October 2005
- Open Access Scholarly Communication Workshop, November 2005

Russia

- NEICON (National Electronic Information Consortium)
- Open Access Workshop, 2006
- Need support of Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) & Russian Academy of Sciences

Additional information

- Budapest Open Access Initiative:
  http://www.soros.org/openaccess/

- eIFL Open Access Program:
  http://www.eifl.net/services/services_open.html

- Bioline International:
  http://www.bioline.org.br/OSI_application

Thank you.

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