Petition for guaranteed public access to publicly-funded research results

18,471 people have signed a petition to register their support for free and open access to European research and for the recommendations proposed in the EU’s study ‘Study on the Economic and Technical Evolution of the Scientific Publication Markets of Europe’ in 2006.

Dear Commissioner,

Our mission of disseminating knowledge is only half complete if the information is not made widely and readily available to society. (Berlin Declaration, 2003)

A year after publication of the Study, we urge the EC to endorse the recommendations in full. In particular, we encourage you to adopt the first recommendation as a matter of urgency: GUARANTEE PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLICLY-FUNDED RESEARCH RESULTS SHORTLY AFTER PUBLICATION (recommendation A1)

In 24 days, since January 17 2007, the petition gathered 17,728 individual signatures and 743 institutional signatures.

Signatories by countries of the European Union

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A few sample signatories

Individuals
> Peter Agre, Nobel Prize Chemistry, 2003
> Martinus J.G. Veltman, Nobel Prize Physics, 1999
> Harold E. Varmus, Nobel Prize Physiology or Medicine, 1989

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> German Research Council
> Swedish Research Council

Research organisations
> CERN, Geneva
> CNRS, Paris
> Max Planck Society, München

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> Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
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> Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Institutional signatories by category
119 Rectors/principals of research organisations; 81 Heads of university/research institution departments or schools; 22 Research-based or research-centred charities/foundations; 17 National or international research funding bodies; 50 International societies or research-based organisations; 61 National societies or research-based organisations; 34 International or national library organisations; 182 Institutional libraries; 91 R&D-based companies; 12 National ICT organisations; 6 Museums (research-based); 9 National academies; 8 Rectors’ Conferences/University associations; 9 Government departments; 43 Publishers.

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