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## Major RoMEO Upgrade Released

A major upgrade to RoMEO has been released today, giving:

- Extra Category for the self-archiving of the Publisher's Version/ PDF
- Expanded Journal Coverage
- Extra Search Options for Journal Abbreviations and Electronic ISSNs
- New Tabular Browse View for Publishers
- Selective Display of Publishers' Compliance with Funding Agencies' Mandates

### What's New?

As part of ongoing improvements to the RoMEO service, the Centre for Research Communications is excited to announce significant upgrades and additions to the SHERPA service RoMEO.

Previous versions of RoMEO have concentrated on highlighting information on the use of the pre-print and post-print. There has been great support from the community for also providing clearly labelled information on the use of the publisher's version/PDF as a separate item. This feature has now been included and sits alongside information on self-archiving rights for Pre-prints and Authors' Post-prints. The information is available in both individual publisher entries and in the new Tabular Browse View.

RoMEO now provides expanded journal coverage, enabling users to draw from both the *Directory of Open Access Journals* (DOAJ) and the *Entrez* journal list for the Life Sciences, along with the existing resource of the British Library's *Zetoc* service.

In addition to searching for journals by Print ISSN, users are now able to search by Electronic ISSN. They can also search for journals using title abbreviations.

The new Tabular Browse View enables users to display comparative charts of publishers, to quickly determine and compare what different Publishers allow them to deposit, and if the Publisher has a Paid OA Option.

If you or your authors receive funding from any of the 50 plus agencies listed in JULIET, you will now be able to restrict your search results to display Publishers' compliance with any of the funding agencies' policies listed in JULIET.

### Why is RoMEO important?

If an academic author wants to put their research articles on-line, they are faced with an increasingly complex situation. Evidence shows that citations to articles made openly accessible in this way are taken up and cited more often than research that is simply published in journals. Also some Funding Agencies require open access archiving for their research, to increase the use of the information generated.

However, some publishers prohibit authors from using their own articles in this way. Others allow it, but only under certain conditions, while others are quite happy for authors to show their work in this way.

Authors can be left confused: RoMEO helps to clarify the situation.

### **What does RoMEO give users?**

The RoMEO service, provided by the award winning\* SHERPA team at the Centre for Research Communications, uses a simple colour-code to classify policies and inform authors of what can be done with their articles, and offers users the ability to:

- View summaries of publishers' copyright policies in relation to self-archiving
- View if publisher policies comply with funding regulations, as some publishers are too restrictive in their contracts and cannot be used to publish particular funded research
- To search journal and publisher information by Journal Title, Publisher Name and ISSN

Additionally RoMEO provides lists of

- Identify publishers that allow the use of their PDFs in Institutional Repositories
- Identify publisher with Paid OA Options

RoMEO is seen as an essential resource by many in the Open Access community. RoMEO is currently funded by JISC. Journal information is kindly provided by the British Library's Zetoc service hosted by MIMAS; DOAJ, a service from Lund University Libraries, and Entrez hosted by NCBI.

### **Future Work**

The Centre for Research Communications is continuing to improve the facilities provided by RoMEO and is always interested in community feedback.

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RoMEO - [www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo](http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo)

Zetoc - [www.zetoc.ac.uk](http://www.zetoc.ac.uk)

Entrez - [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/citmatch\\_help.html#JournalLists](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/citmatch_help.html#JournalLists)

DOAJ - [www.doaj.org](http://www.doaj.org)

JULIET - [www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet](http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet)