RoMEO International Partnerships

SHERPA Services have been collaborating with partnerships around the globe, to expand the coverage of RoMEO (www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo), and to develop non-English Language interfaces.

Why have Partners?
Partners can communicate directly with local publishers in their own language, thereby helping RoMEO to provide repository staff and academics with information on publishers from their own countries.

Translating the RoMEO interface and phrases into key languages, enables greater access to content. For example, our Spanish and Portuguese interfaces not only benefit individuals in Spain and Portugal, but also users elsewhere.

*When a publisher can communicate in their own language, they may better understand the issues involved.*

**Norsk RoMEO, Norway**

**Collaboration:** Norsk RoMEO approached us to provide an outlet for their work regarding the policies of Norwegian publishers. It was agreed that no Norwegian interface is required.

**Progress:**
- 21 Norwegian Publisher entries have been added since October 2010.

**Blimunda Project, Portugal**

**Collaboration:** Blimunda Project approached us to include their work regarding to the policies of Portuguese publishers into RoMEO. They also offered to translate our interface into Portuguese.

**Progress:**
- The Portuguese interface was released on October 2010.
- 79 new publisher entries have been added since November 2010.

**Future Technical Improvements**

We plan to include technical improvements to our administrative system over next few years, these will provide greater functionality to our Partners.

In particular, we are working on:
- Enabling partners to directly input into RoMEO.
- Multilingual administrative interface, using standard phrases.

Where a publisher sees fellow publishers listed, they are more likely to want to be added to RoMEO.

**RECOLECTA, Spain**

**Collaboration:** To translate RoMEO interface and phrases into Spanish.

**Progress:** The Spanish interface was released on April 2011.
- An additional benefit of this project is that, since the release of the Spanish interface, SHERPA Services have received several requests from Spanish Publishers to be included, from which 3 new entries have been generated.
- We are also working alongside DULCINIA to integrate their existing data on Spanish publisher policies into RoMEO.

**More Information**

Links to all of our Partner Websites can be found here:
http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/contrib.html

Interested parties may contact SHERPA Services with proposals of collaborations. Where these fit into our objectives we will do our best to integrate them with our ongoing work.