

Open Access Newsletter

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White Rose Repository - Key Statistics

The latest stats summary can be viewed at:
http://www.leeds.ac.uk/library/sherpa/access_stats.html

Most downloaded individuals by University, May- Jul 06:

Leeds	Malcolm Heath	Classics	884
Sheffield	David Howe	Elec & Elec Engineering	3283
York	Peter Young	Biology	938

Book Tokens for “1000th” depositors

As you may know, we identified 3 1000th depositors – 1 for Leeds, 1 for York and 1 for Sheffield. Here are the lucky depositors from Leeds and Sheffield receiving their book tokens. (York to follow later in the year).



Dr Roberto Moreno-Atanasio, Institute of Particle Science and Engineering



Professor Leif Wenar, Philosophy

RCUK announcement

RCUK have reaffirmed support for open access to research outputs. The RCUK statement can be viewed at <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/access/>

However, each Research Council may stipulate its own policy on open access. The policies are summarised by the JULIET service at <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet/>

We are keen to target information about the availability of the repository to all research council funded academics and will be working closely with the Research Support Offices at each University in order to achieve this. In particular, the repository can help recipients of **Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council** grants meet their obligations which come into force from **1st October 2006**.

<http://eprints.whiterose.ac.uk/>

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JISC Continues to Support Repository Development

"Time is right for major investment in repositories infrastructure, says report".

More information at: <http://www.egovmonitor.com/node/6280>

The report notes that about one third of Universities now have an open access repository; though there is still a lack of content – particularly research papers. The authors encourage the development of a framework of "national repository services" to sit above individual repositories e.g. the Institutional Repositories Search Service being developed by Intute.

SHERPA Goes European

Although the original "SHERPA" project concluded some months ago, the SHERPA team in Nottingham continues to grow. In addition to a new post to develop the RoMEO database, SHERPA has just advertised for two European Development Officers to work on establishing a repository infrastructure across Europe (as part of the DRIVER project - <http://www.driver-repository.eu/>).

The SHERPA team members are listed here: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/contacts.html>

ETHOS Project

I am often asked – both by library staff and academics – about making theses available online. The ETHOS Project, which is due to conclude shortly, will recommend a model for making e-theses available UK wide. The British Library will provide a single interface to search for – and, where available, obtain online – UK theses. The theses may be deposited with the British Library or may be housed on local institutional repositories. To the end user, the location of the thesis will not matter; the service will link to the full text of the thesis, wherever it is held. The BL is also undertaking some retrospective digitisation of print theses. I will pass on

further information once the final report is released. In the meantime, the ETHOS website can be viewed at <http://www.ethos.ac.uk/> and the ETHOS partners will be reporting their findings at a seminar in September:

The ETHOS Project Seminar: The Creation of a Prototype UK eTheses Online Service

09:30 - 16:45, Monday 11th September
2006, British Library Conference Centre,
St Pancras, London, UK.

Technical Update: forthcoming features in ePrints 3

We are hoping to upgrade to the latest version of the ePrints software as soon as this is available – likely to be later this year. Version 3 will offer a number of new, very useful, features including:

- more user friendly deposit screens
- automatic administration of embargo periods
- import and export of records

All of which should make deposit more straightforward.

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