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Open Access to Scientific Works of Nobel Prize Winners

Sweden's OpenAccess.se, the National Library of Sweden, Lund University Libraries, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, and the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet are developing a plan for retroactive OA to the major papers of Nobel laureates in physics, chemistry, and physiology or medicine.

Read more: <http://www.kb.se/english/about/projects/openaccess/projects/#Open> and:
<http://www.kb.se/english/about/news/openaccess/>

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Nordic Countries

Hprints -The Nordic arts and humanities e-print archive – has been launched
[Hprints](#) is an Open Access repository aiming at making scholarly documents from the Arts and Humanities publicly available to the widest possible audience. It is the first of its kind in the Nordic Countries for the Humanities. Hprints is supported by the [Nordbib research funding programme](#)

Denmark, Norway and Sweden have signed Expressions of Interest for joining the SCOAP3
[SCOAP3 \(Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics\)](#)
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Denmark

The Danish Research Council for Culture and Communication has decided to change its journal support policy. To receive support journals are obliged to offer Open Access after a certain time period.

Sweden

The University College of Borås, (policy in ROARMAP
<http://www.eprints.org/openaccess/policysignup/fullinfo.php?inst=University%20College%20of%20Boras>
and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences <http://epsilon.slu.se/openaccess.html> have both recently adopted OA- policies recommending and encouraging Open Access

At the 4th Nordic Conference on Scholarly communication NCSC 2008, held in Lund 21-23 April the following announcements were made;

- SPARC Europe and the Directory of Open Access Journals Announce the Launch of the SPARC Europe Seal for Open Access Journals, a Seal to Set Standards for Open Access Journals . Read more <http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=loadTempl&templ=080423>
- Leo Waaijers Receives SPARC Europe Award for Outstanding Achievements in Scholarly Communications, 2008. From SPARC Europe's Press release:

SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) Europe initiated the Award in 2006 to recognise the work of an individual or group within Europe that has made significant advances in our understanding of the issues surrounding scholarly communications and/or in developing practical means to address the problems with the current systems. In making the Award to Dr Waaijers the judging panel noted his tireless s

upport for new models of scholarly communication and his innovative approach to repositories and their promotion, especially as initiator of the DARE programme and manager of DAREnet.

Upcoming conferences

The Second European Conference on Scientific Publishing in Biomedicine and Medicine will be held in Oslo, 4-6 September 2008. Registration is now open, with early bird discounted bookings available until 30 June. Read more <http://www.ub.uio.no/umh/ecspbiomed/>

The Swedish national funding programme Openaccess.se, administered by the Royal Library, will arrange the second **Meeting Place Open Access in** Stockholm 1-2 October, 2008 This arrangement presents (in Swedish) current and completed projects supported by the funding programme. More about the openaccess.se programme in english <http://www.kb.se/eng/openaccess/Default.htm>