

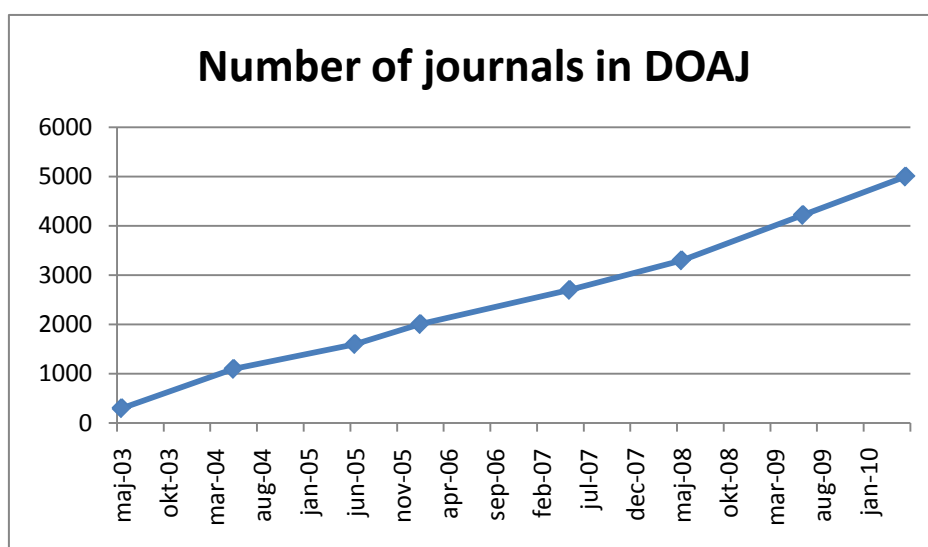
NORA-based project to collect information on self-archiving policies

ABM-U (the Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority) has given funding for a NORA-based project to collect information on the self-archiving policies of Norwegian journals and publishers. Information collected will be integrated in Sherpa/RoMEO in collaboration with Sherpa. We expect information to be entered into Sherpa/RoMEO continuously as the project collects it.

Project participants are the University of Tromsø, the University of Bergen, and the Telemark University College.

Directory of Open Access Journals celebrates its 7 year anniversary and 5000 journals

Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) started in spring 2003 with 300 journals. It has had a steady growth since then.



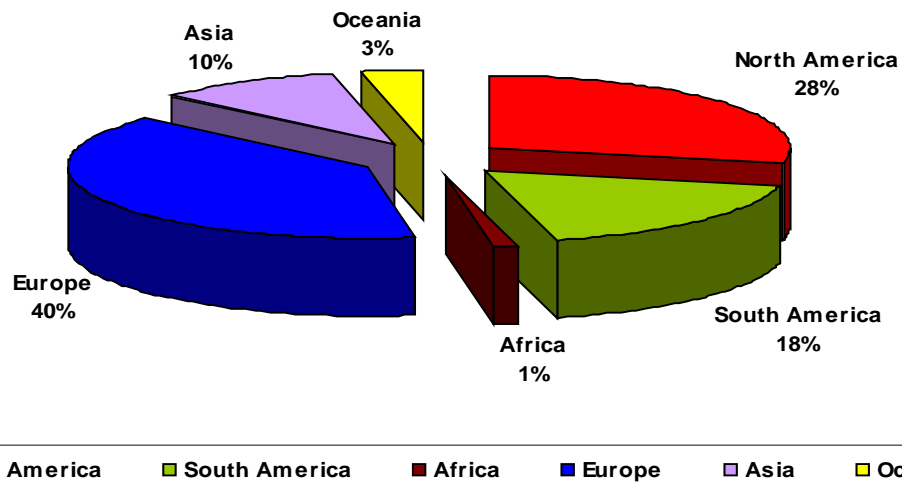
Now 107 countries are represented in DOAJ. Our aim is to cover all languages and subjects. There are at the moment about 45 languages in DOAJ. As Chinese is one of the languages not covered by the librarians at Lund University Libraries, DOAJ has started a cooperation with The Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China (ISTIC) in order to add more Chinese journals. ISTIC will also translate the DOAJ site to Chinese.

The database also intends to translate the site to other languages as well.

DOAJ wants to be a truly international database, but still most of the journals are from North America and Europe.

In spring 2010 half of the Asian countries are represented in DOAJ and 23 Central and South American countries out of around 30. This is much thanks to SciELO and Redalyc. But only 14 of the about 50 African countries are to be found in the database. Maybe this will change after the INASP conference in Oxford 13th-14th of May 2010 where DOAJ will be represented.

Journals in DOAJ per continent



DOAJ has updated its “Suggest a journal” site so now the editor can fill in much more information about the journal. This development makes it possible for the DOAJ librarians to review and add the journal faster than before. But still the backlog is huge and the directory needs more support in order to add more journals.

In order to support Directory of Open Access Journals, please see:
<http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=membership>

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