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### Recommendations for a national OA policy for Denmark

Recommendations published

The report "Recommendations for implementation of Open Access in Denmark" has now been published on the web site of the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation. This document will underlie the forthcoming national OA strategy for Denmark to an as yet unknown degree.

The text on the agency's [web site](#) states:

The implementation of Open Access is about maximization of the research effect. Danish companies, Danish research and the Danish society will benefit greatly from Open Access to research results. Open Access will result in improved research dissemination for the benefit of researchers, research institutions and businesses. This will lead to new and improved research opportunities, greater visibility for danish researchers, research and research institutions nationally as well as globally, better access to knowledge for small and medium-sized companies and thus a potential for growth and innovation. The purpose of a national Open Access strategy is to remove barriers to free access to Danish research publications in the short and long term.

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### The Danish National Research Foundation prepared for OA decision

In a web article (in Danish) in "Ingeniøren" on March 2, 2011, Jens Ramskov writes, that the Danish National Research Foundation /Damarks Grundforskningsfond ) would be prepared to issue their own Open Access policy, if the the Danish Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation no longer is ready to introduce such a policy. Jens Ramskov has interviewed the Director of the Foundation, Thomas Sinkjær, who says : "Only by mandating OA will we get researchers to use it on a large scale". He would prefer a clear OA policy decision from the Minister, but in the absence of this or if it is too "watered down", the Foundation is ready to formulate their own.

<http://ing.dk/artikel/116939-danmarks-grundforskningsfond-vil-stille-krav-om-open-access>

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## PKP European Network established

The Public Knowledge Project and SPARC Europe invite you (and/or your organization) to join the recently established European PKP Network; a community of users across the continent interested in the development of PKP's open source scholarly publishing software, including OJS, OCS, OHS, and OMP (Open Monograph Press, not yet released).

The network will provide:

- The opportunity to share ideas, experiences, collaborative funding opportunities, software customizations;
- The opportunity to contribute to the ongoing development of PKP software;
- The opportunity to collectively give valuable and bundled user feedback to the development strategy of PKP.

Please visit the very short survey on Google Docs and indicate if and how you wish to join:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dF9RWW15dUtUNGpoX0ZEeVZtUXhoTmc6MQ>

More information about this network can be found at

[http://pkp.sfu.ca/wiki/index.php/PKP\\_European\\_Network](http://pkp.sfu.ca/wiki/index.php/PKP_European_Network)

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## A Plea for Supporting Persée, a French JStor-like, but OA, under threat of being stopped

Persée is a French JStor-like, but OA, under threat of being stopped. For the last eight years or so, a group of dedicated French academics have been supporting a French imitation of JSTOR, whose advantage over its older and bigger US model is that it is in Open Access. (<http://www.persee.fr>).

A petition is being circulated to try stopping the University of Lyon-2 from killing this project.

The petition can be signed at <http://lapetition.be/en-ligne/petition-9491.html>. Please sign it.

Unhappily, they have not provided an English translation for the petition, [There is one now, Editor's comment] but the point is obvious, and filling the fields is not difficult, even for someone who does not read French.

If anyone meets with difficulties, please contact me. They deserve the strongest and widest support from all.

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## Demise of the Big Deal?

According to Richard Poynder in “OPEN AND SHUT?” the analyst Claudio Aspesi predicts difficult times for Reed Elsevier’s scholarly journal publishing and the Big Deal business model. Read Poynder’s interesting interview with Aspesi at <http://bit.ly/f2SNU1> .

Read also Aspesi’s latest report, where he writes that the “Big Deal” arrangement, is becoming “unsustainable in the current funding environment.” (Bernstein Research March 10, 2011 Claudio Aspesi (Senior Analyst) Anthony Sleeman, ACA) <http://www.sparceurope.org/resources/general-advocacy-materials/EndoftheBigDeal.pdf/view>

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## Follow the development of University Publication Funds.

You can find a list of OA journal funds at the Open Access Directory (OAD). There are short annotations about the funds and links to further information. [http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/OA\\_journal\\_funds](http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/OA_journal_funds)

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## Events:

### The OAI7 Workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication

Registration for OAI7, the 7th Workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication is open. This event will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th June 2011. Please register with the online form you can find on the website of the conference along with the full programme: <http://indico.cern.ch/event/oai7>.

The workshop will follow the successful format of previous editions mixing practical tutorials, presentations from cutting-edge projects and research, discussion groups, posters, and an intense social programme to maximise interaction and communication. It will be possible to register for a part or for the entire programme.