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The Expansion and Redevelopment of the RoMEO Service

This poster will cover recent, ongoing and planned developments in the RoMEO service.

RoMEO provides a searchable database of publishers' copyright transfer agreements as they relate to OA archiving and is aimed at authors and repository administrators.

RoMEO aims to provide and maintain a web-accessible database that records publishers' copyright transfer agreements. It categorises the agreements according to the permissions given by the publishers for authors to self-archive material in OA digital repositories. The service represents this information in a searchable format giving guidance on specific publishers' archiving policies. By using different colours to highlight publishers' archiving policies, users can differentiate between the four categories of archiving rights.

RoMEO continues to extend the dataset upon which it is based through updates and appropriate suggestions from the user community. Suggestions are received through individual contributions and through formal agreements between RoMEO and interested groups.

Recent developments have seen the addition of two new lists:

- Publishers Allowing use of their PDFs in Repositories
- Publishers with Paid Options for Open Access

These lists enable repository staff to deposit a large volume of work directly into repositories even if the author has not retained their own final draft, whether this is by the use of the Publishers PDF or through payment of an Open Access fee. We hope that this information will help repository administrators to encourage deposit into their repositories.

SHERPA is currently working on the standardisation of phrases used in RoMEO; these entries have development in complexity since RoMEO was started. As a result many similar phrases have been used that can be better described with a single term. We will also be introducing new terms for different versions of articles.

SHERPA plans to further improve RoMEO, by increasing the journal coverage to include non-English titles, and to provide non-English Language interfaces.

SHERPA plans to provide policy information at the journal level, where this differs from the Publishers' general policy, this is particularly relevant for publishers who publish on behalf of societies who use their own policies.

In response to user demand we are also planning to provide the option of viewing historical versions of each entry, after any changes have been made, although this is unlikely to be retrospective.

On a technical side, we will be providing a fully supported Application Programmers Interface.

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