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The open access information platform

The poster presents open-access.net, the information platform on open access funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The open-access.net platform provides comprehensive information on the subject of Open Access (OA) and offers practical implementation advice. Developed cooperatively by the Freie Universität Berlin and the Universities of Göttingen, Konstanz and Bielefeld, open-access.net went online at the beginning of May 2007. The platform's target groups include the members of the scientific community (especially scientists themselves), university and research-facility managers, infrastructure service providers such as libraries and data-processing centres, as well as funding agencies and political decision makers.

Open-access.net provides easy one-stop access to OA concepts and gives an insight into the legal, organisational and technical framework of OA and concrete implementation experiences. It also offers information on OA initiatives, services, service providers and policy documents. In addition, the platform offers practical implementation advice and answers frequently-asked questions concerning OA. The target-group orientated and discipline-specific way in which the information is presented enables users to access relevant themes quickly and efficiently.

Round 2 of the project started in May 2008. Apart from the optimisation and expansion of existing information, a key goal of the second round is to continue increasing awareness of Open Access in the various scientific sectors and to strengthen the Open Access community –especially with regard to its influence on science policy. The internationalisation of open-access.net is a major goal. The translation of the platform into English is completed. We also intend to expand our existing cooperation with partners in Austria and Switzerland in order to offer Austrian and Swiss national pages and also find new partners to expand open-access.net even further.

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