

Establishing a sponsoring consortium for Open Access  
publishing in particle physics  
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*The role of libraries in taking the  
proposal forward: Italy*

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# Electronic Publications: the context

**Library Consortia purchasing electronic journals since 1998- (for over 100 institutions)**

**CIBER- Coordinamento Interuniversitario Basi dati e Editoria in Rete (27 universities)**

- Members are: CASPUR universities (9) + 18 Central-Southern Italian universities
- Voluntary basis; no legal status, it is administratively and technically supported by CASPUR

**CILEA Digital Library (35/40 institutions)**

Members are: 11 universities from the Northwest of Italy. Provides service to other Italian universities or research centres which have not joined either CIBER or CIPE

**CIPE – Coordinamento Italiano Periodici Elettronici (12 universities)**

- Universities mainly from Central and Northern East part of Italy. It is about to gain legal status

**SBBL – a regional based consortia of medical schools and hospitals in Lombardy**

**Role of CRUI- Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities-**

**CRUI –Library Committee- Electronic Resources**

2006 -set up a Working Group, CARE aimed at providing guidelines, recommendations for universities and library consortia purchasing e-journals and promoting national licensing- the new Elsevier Science Contract will be handled by CARE as national deal

**CRUI- Library Committee- OA**

2006 – set up a working group on Open Access aimed at providing guidelines, recommendations on OA related issues in order to implement the principles of Berlin Declaration within Italian academic institutions

**INFER – National Forum on Electronic Resources**

collects information, stimulates discussion on issues related to the economics of scholarly publishing, licensing issues, preservation issues and OA



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# Italian university and research libraries and Open Access

- 75 out 80 universities signed the Berlin Declaration since 2005
- A constant growing number of these institutions are implementing institutional repositories or discipline based (20 are up and running since the end of 2004)
- Growing awareness of academic publishing economics, library budget cuts
- Italian Humanities and Social Sciences journals are gradually moving towards OA and SISSA plays the role of a leader in the sciences
- PLEIADI- Digital platform provided by CASPUR and CILEA to simultaneously search the Italian OAI- compliant institutional repositories. The platform also provides personalized services to end-users



# Italian academic / research libraries and SCOAP initiative

- ☞ Strong support for this initiative
- ☞ Particle Physics is perceived as the right field to start with
- ☞ CRUI- OA working group is going to release a document on OA journals strongly recommending consortial initiatives based on “institutions pay” model
- ☞ No remarkable obstacles in participating in it
  - Moving fund from library subscription budgetes to funding cost publication fees can be done
  - Solutions should be found for contracts based on bundled packages (Elsevier, Springer, IOP)
  - Some worries for costs in year 1 in case of hybrid models, are we going to pay twice?



Nuclear Instruments and Methods Research: A (Elsevier Science)	Calabria, Cagliari, Bologna, Bari, Firenze, Milano, Padova, Pavia, Pisa, Napoli, Roma, Ferrara, Udine, INFN, Torino	Euro 165.000,00 + E-fee
Nuclear Physics B (Elsevier Science)	Calabria, Bologna, Bari, Firenze, Padova, Pisa, Napoli, Roma, Torino, Salerno	165.000,00 + E-fee
Physics Letters (Elsevier Science)	Calabria, Bologna, Bari, Firenze, Padova, Pisa, Napoli, Roma,	159.963 + E-fee
<b>Total</b>		<b>555,390 + E-fee</b>

# Web Sites

CILEA –CDL Digital Library  
<http://cdl.cilea.it>

CIBER  
<http://www.uniciber.it>

SBBL  
<http://sbbl.cilea.it/>

CIPE  
<http://www.unicipe.it>

INFER  
<http://www.infer.it>



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