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The future role of repositories for OA discovery

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More than 15 years after the “Budapest Open Access Initiative” and the “Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities” the discovery of open access journals articles is still a challenge. The many variations of open access, like green, gold, hybrid, bronze or delayed open access, are making it difficult to measure the OA share of articles within academic journals properly.

In an ideal world, researchers should have immediate open access to the publisher version of journal articles. With an increasing number of so called transformative agreements, this vision will become more and more reality.

From the perspective of BASE, which is since 2004 one of the largest search engines for discovering OA documents, the importance of repositories as a primary source of metadata for OA journal articles will be more and more complemented by publisher data sources. The importance of Crossref as an aggregator will increase for discovery systems, the more and the better publishers will disseminate their data to Crossref. This development has the potential to overcome some of the frustrations with OA discovery in the next few years.

Theme

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