(Not such) New Challenges for Open Access

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• Scientifically peripheral country
  • Language
  • Economy
  • Publishers
Hrcak, portal of Croatian scholarly journals
Problems for Croatian publishers

• Funding?

• New cost models – new threats:
  • Commercial publishers – higher subscription prices
  • APC model – less Croatian authors

• Peripheral communities:
  • research results of foreign scientists more visible and accessible
  • research results of Croatian scientists less visible!
Questionable publishers – THE problem

• Cyber criminals!
• Quality control and honesty?
• 2009: Suber – Are fee-based OA journals a scam?
• 2011: Beall – Predatory publishers – OA, APC, lack of quality control
• today: Questionable publishers – not only in OA, do not meet standards (quality, transparency...
Questionable publishers – THE problem

• Education
• National and international policies
• Removing negative connotations
Open Access policies and Croatian institutions

• Launch of Hrčak, portal of Croatian scholarly journals - 2005
• [Croatian Open Access Declaration](#) - 2012
• Act on Scientific Activity - 2013
• University of Zagreb – supports OA and OER (Open Access Policy of University of Zagreb Computing Centre) - 2014
• Fulir – IR, [first institute self-archiving mandate](#) – 2015
• Launch of Dabar, portal of Croatian institutional OA repositories - 2015
INFORMATION LITERACY + OPEN ACCESS = OA LITERACY
OA literacy

• new skills and competencies:
  • Publishing in OA journals
  • Self-archiving
  • Finding high quality OA information
  • Using services, lists, databases...
  • Editing OA journals
  • Citing OA sources
  • Detecting questionable journals
  • Writing for OA journals
  • Reviewing for OA journals
  • ...

OA literacy

To know how to find, evaluate and use high quality Open Access information!
Thank you!

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