The researchers’ attitudes towards open access publishing

Eiliv Lund

25.11.2010
Background and scientific discipline

- Epidemiology – basic research for public health and prevention, mechanistic understanding of disease development

- Participate in:
  - Norwegian Women and Cancer study – NOWAC – ERC
  - European Prospective Investigation into Nutrition and Cancer – EPIC
  - Consortium of cohorts – NIH
  - International Cancer Genome Consortium – breast cancer
  - Nordic Centre in Nutritional Research - HELGA
  - Centre of Sami Health Research – the indigenous Norwegian people
  - Oxford Collaborative Group on Hormones and Breast Cancer
  - The Norwegian – Russian health group for the border area
Why high ambitious researchers go for high ranked journals with closed access

For:

• Prestige as for winners
• Ambitions
• Incentives
• The most interesting results sent to …
• Collegues
• Commentaries
• Applications; your ten most …..
• The journals help with press releases to reach the public

Against:

?
The predominant research of Ph.D. students and researchers

Pre: rapid in open access longer articles

Against: the cost

The rating?
Collaboration with developing countries

Pre:

- Often the only option to reach collaborators: Russia, indigenous people

- Against: cost for the collaborators
Which future?

• Researchers care little about copyright – there is nothing into it for me so why be concerned?
• The cost is moved to the researcher!
• Will information and results published open access be more widely spread?
• Will open access be more open to new ideas?
• Can we think of scientific Facebooks non reviewed or post publication reviewed?