



Open access at the University of Tromsø - principles for a better practise

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National principles

St.meld. nr. 30 (2008-2009) Klima for forskning:

- All scientific publications that are a result of publicly financed research should in principle be openly available to the society.



Strategy of the University of Tromsø 2009-2013

- "To ensure open and free access to research results....is one of the main activities of the university"
- "Open access shall be the preferred venue for publishing research results."



Why do the University of Tromsø encourage open access publishing?

- Dissimination of knowledge.
- Visibility of researchers, research groups and institutions.
- Preservation in institutional repositories.
- Access. Research results are freely available to the society.



Plan of action at the University of Tromsø 2009-2013

- The University of Tromsø will increase it's proportion of scientific publications in open access journals by:
 - Adopting an ideological standpoint: Our researchers shall under otherwise equal conditions publish in Open Access venues.
 - Utilising the possibilities, competence and technical infrastructure for open electronical publishing at the university library.
 - Establishing a net based portal for submitting doctoral degrees.
 - Considering establishing a fund for coverage of the researchers expenses when publishing in open access venues.
 - Considering establishing incentives for open access publishing and archiving research results in Munin.



Munin – the institutional Repository of the University of Tromsø

- Is developed and administered by the University of Tromsø Library.
- Archives master's theses, doctoral theses, scientific books and book chapters, scientific articles, working papers, reports, lectures etc.
- Enhances the accessibility of the publicly financed research results and students' theses.
- Incorporates a portal for submitting master theses.
- A portal for submitting doctoral theses is being tested.



Principles for Open Access publishing at the University of Tromsø

Free access to scientific results is an important prerequisite for a well-functioning democracy, for the free exchange of opinions and to enable science to be a tool for the development of society and industry. The University of Tromsø has as its goal that all scientific publications from the university shall be made available either in an Open Access journal or in an institutional repository. Hence, the University of Tromsø will adhere to the following basic principles of Open Access to scientific results:

- **Self-archiving:** The University of Tromsø has as its general rule that students and researches shall self-archive their publications in Munin, the university's institutional repository. Publications will be made available through Munin within the constraints of the agreements the authors have made with the publisher and publishers' principles for self-archiving. The University Library of Tromsø has the responsibility for investigating and ensuring compliance with publishers' policies and other questions regarding intellectual property rights in this context.



Principles for Open Access publishing at the University of Tromsø (cont.)

- **Choice of publishing venue:** The University of Tromsø has as its general rule that students and researchers shall – provided publications are of equal scientific worth and stature – choose publishing venues that provide the freest access to the publications, either through having a positive attitude to self-archiving or by being an Open Access publishing venue.
- **The University as a publisher:** The University shall endeavour to make journals and other publications published by the University Open Access publications. It is a goal that all publications published by the University shall permit self-archiving, and that self-archiving of the final published version (publisher's PDF) shall be encouraged.



Berlin declaration

- The university board decided to sign the Berlin declaration on the 22nd of October 2010.
- The declaration will be officially signed before the end of 2010.

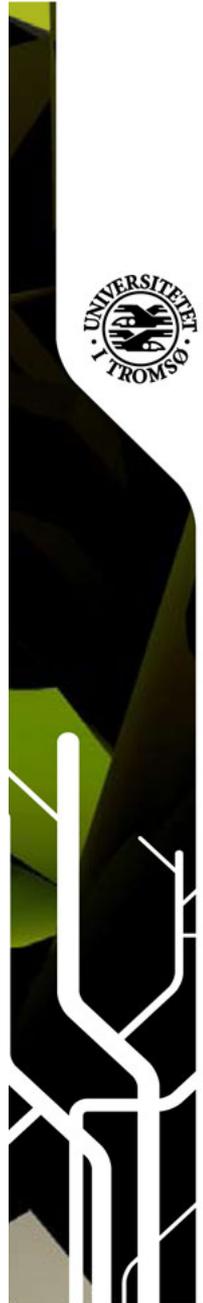


Berlin declaration

Our organizations are interested in the further promotion of the new open access paradigm to gain the most benefit for science and society. Therefore, we intend to make progress by

- encouraging our researchers/grant recipients to publish their work according to the principles of the open access paradigm.
- encouraging the holders of cultural heritage to support open access by providing their resources on the Internet.
- developing means and ways to evaluate open access contributions and online journals in order to maintain the standards of quality assurance and good scientific practice.
- advocating that open access publication be recognized in promotion and tenure evaluation.
- advocating the intrinsic merit of contributions to an open access infrastructure by software tool development, content provision, metadata creation, or the publication of individual articles.

We realize that the process of moving to open access changes the dissemination of knowledge with respect to legal and financial aspects. Our organizations aim to find solutions that support further development of the existing legal and financial Frameworks in order to facilitate optimal use and access.



Septentrio Academic publishing

- Publishing service provided by The University Library of Tromsø.
- Consists of both IT tools for editorial work and a support service for editors.
- The IT tool covers both the editorial work processes and the on-line publishing of the finished article itself.
- The University Library works with the editors to ensure an efficient internet distribution.
- The University Library also offers support for establishing new journals or transitioning existing journals to digital editions.
- The service is offered provided that the publications and all their content is made freely available without any demand that users create accounts, log in or subscribe in order to access content.



Open Access fund at the University of Tromsø?

- Establishment of a fund for coverage of the researchers expenses when publishing in open access channels will be considered by the university board on the 9th of December.



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