



PEER – Publishing and the Ecology of European Research

News release

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PEER - Invitations to tender for research now available

Invitations to Tender for the Behavioural Research and Usage Research aspects of the PEER project are now available from the STM website at <http://www.stm-assoc.org/peer-invitation-to-tender>.

1. Behavioural Research: Authors and Users vis-à-vis Journals and Repositories.

The objectives will be to:

- Track trends and explain patterns of author and user behaviour in the context of so called Green Open Access.
- Understand the role repositories play for authors in the context of journal publishing.
- Understand the role repositories play for users in context of accessing journal articles.

2. Usage Research: Journals and Repositories

The objectives will be to:

- Determine usage trends at publishers and repositories;
- Understand source and nature of use of deposited manuscripts in repositories;
- Track trends, develop indicators and explain patterns of usage for repositories and journals.

Tenders for both areas of research must be received by the Max Planck Digital Library by **17.00** on **Tuesday 17 February 2009**

About PEER:

PEER is a pioneering collaboration between publishers, repositories and the research community, which aims to investigate the effects of the large-scale deposit (so called Green Open Access) on user access, author visibility, and journal viability. PEER is supported by the EC eContent*plus* programme.

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