

# PEER – Publishing and the Ecology of European Research

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News release

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## **PEER- Invitation to tender for Economic Research now available**

Available at [http://www.peerproject.eu/research\\_tenders/](http://www.peerproject.eu/research_tenders/)

PEER is building an **Observatory** to gather evidence about the impact of large scale systematic archiving of stage-two (accepted) manuscripts (so called **Green Open Access**). The final strand of research on the economics of deposit and access is now being tendered: What can be said about the costs of depositing of stage-two outputs? How do different methods of deposit to repositories compare for cost? How do different methods of access to repositories and journals compare for cost? What can be said about the cost to scholars as well as to repositories and/or libraries? What is the (likely) economic impact on publishers?

The **Objectives** of the **economics research** are to:

- Investigate the cost of the large-scale deposit of stage-two research outputs (including the economic efficiency or cost of the process of deposit).
- Understand the costs incurred by participating publishers and repositories (of the PEER Project).
- Understand and compare access costs at journals and repositories.
- Understand, principally, for the deposit of so-called Stage 2 manuscripts the costs.
- Analyze the overall effects of large-scale deposit (Green OA) on the economics of scholarly communication.

Tenders must be received by the Max Planck Digital Library by **17:00 on Thursday 29 October 2009**

For information on the ongoing behavioural and usage research, please see the [press release of 25 August 2009](#)

The PEER project has nominated a Research Oversight Group:

- Justus Haucap, Professor and Director of Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics. Prof. Haucap chairs the German Monopolies Commission;
- Henk Moed, Senior researcher at the Centre for Science and Technology Studies, Leiden University. Dr. Moed has been the recipient of the Derek de Solla Price Award;
- Carol Tenopir, Professor of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee. Prof. Tenopir has received the International Information Industry Lifetime Achievement Award.

For enquiries regarding the PEER Observatory, please contact Chris Armbruster, Max Planck Digital Library, Max Planck Society. Email: [armbruster@mpdl.mpg.de](mailto:armbruster@mpdl.mpg.de)

### **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, journal viability and the broader European research environment. The project will run until 2011, during which time over 50,000 European stage-2 (accepted) manuscripts from up to 300 journals will become available for archiving.

Further information on PEER, visit the website: [www.peerproject.eu](http://www.peerproject.eu)  
For enquiries relating to PEER, please e-mail: [peer@stm-assoc.org](mailto:peer@stm-assoc.org)

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**PEER Partners:** The International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers (STM), the European Science Foundation, Göttingen State and University Library, the Max Planck Society and INRIA collaborate on PEER, supported by the SURF Foundation and University of Bielefeld, which contribute the expertise of the EU-funded DRIVER project. Significant about the PEER project is the cooperation of the various stakeholders in the scholarly publishing cycle without prejudice

**Publishers participating in PEER:** BMJ Publishing Group; Cambridge University Press; Elsevier; IOP Publishing; Nature Publishing Group; Oxford University Press; Portland Press; Sage Publications; Springer; Taylor & Francis Group; Wiley-Blackwell

**PEER repositories:** Max-Planck-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Wissenschaften e.V. (MPG); HAL, Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique (INRIA); Göttingen State and University Library (UGOE); BiPrints, Universität Bielefeld (UNIBI); Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania; University Library of Debrecen, Hungary  
Long-term preservation service: Koninklijke Bibliotheek (Nationale bibliotheek van Nederland)