

## STM Milestones

Defending copyright with major wins including [Subito](#) - this year 2009

[STM Permissions Guidelines](#) - first issued in June 1979 with major revisions throughout the years - including 2009. The Guidelines, on the re-use of limited amounts of material from published works, have helped STM member companies facilitate the publishing process in many cases where delays and costs would have otherwise been incurred.

Instrumental in founding and helping coordinate:

### [Research4Life](#)

Research4Life is the collective name for three programmes in which more than 150 publishers provide access to researchers, academics, students, doctors, agriculturalists, economists and other professionals in the developing world in cooperation with key United Nations agencies.

- [HINARI](#) - Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative  
In London, in July 2001, six STM member publishers signed a Statement of Intent, witnessed by the Director General of World Health Organization.
- [AGORA](#) - Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture  
Launched in collaboration with The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, October 2003.
- [OARE](#) - Online Access to Research in the Environment, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme, New York in October 2006

[PatientINFORM](#) - July 2006, A free online service providing patients and carers with access to the most up-to-date research about the diagnosis and treatment of specific diseases. It is collaborative effort by voluntary health organizations, medical societies, and scholarly and medical publishers.

### [ARDI](#) - Access to Research for Development and Innovation

On July 2009, STM and WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) announced a new partnership, providing access to core technical publications to patent offices in more than 100 developing countries, including all the 50 Least Developed Countries.

Instrumental in founding:

- [IFRRO](#) - International Federation of International Rights Organisation  
25 years ago this year in 1984
- [IPRO](#) - International Publishers' Rights Organisation - 1995
- [DOI](#) - The International DOI Foundation was established with offices in  
Washington, D.C and Geneva, Switzerland - 1998
- [CrossRef](#) - 10 years ago this year in 1999
- [PRC](#) - Publishing Research Consortium in 2005

Instrumental in establishing:

- [Counter](#) - Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources in  
2002
- IPCC (International Publishers Copyright Council)

First STM Intensive Course in Journal Publishing in 1983