Open Access to publications at the IT University of Copenhagen

Background

The IT University considers it an important part of its mission to make its research findings available to the widest possible academic and industrial audience, and to the public, in Denmark and internationally. The University is applying a policy of Open Access of scientific publications (peer-reviewed journal articles and papers in conference proceedings), in adherence to the recommendations of the Danish Ministry of Science and of the European Research Council.

At ITU Open Access Publication is regarded a natural and important part of participating in the international research community. Open Access is one of many ways in which the ITU is making a difference in the outside world. By making our work available on a non-profit basis, the ITU is contributing to the dissemination of knowledge and is furthering innovation.

What is Open Access Publication (OAP)?

Open Access is publication and dissemination of scientific content on the Internet to anyone for free. The content can be peer-reviewed or not. There are several models for organizing OAP, the most important of which are

Golden Open Access: Journals and conference proceedings are made freely available immediately and as the main mode of dissemination. The expenses of publication are covered by grants and public funding, or by individual publication fees collected from the authors or their institutions. For a list of Open Access journals, see http://doaj.org/

Green Open Access: Articles and papers in closed access publications are parallel-archived and made freely available in public repositories, or repositories run by the research institutions themselves. This depends on the copyright agreements of the original publishers. Some publishers will impose a time-limited embargo before releasing a publication for parallel archiving. Others accept the OA distribution of author/drafts/pre-prints.

Hybrid Open Access: A closed-access journal or publisher may make a research publication (paper or article) freely available for a one-time fee, paid by the author or their institution.

ITU Open Access principles.

ITU endorses Green Open Access.

ITU faculty is committed to disseminating the results of its research as widely as possible.

The aim is to allow publications to be read, searched, printed, distributed or utilized in any other conceivable legitimate manner without any financial, technical or legal restrictions.

To fulfill that commitment ITU is adopting this Open Access policy to provide open access to full-text versions of all scholarly papers and articles written by its faculty.

This does not affect the author's legal right to being identified as the copyright holder of such works.

The Open Access policy will apply to all scholarly articles and conference papers written while the person is a member of the Faculty except for any articles completed before the adoption of this policy and any articles for which the Faculty member entered into an incompatible licensing or assignment agreement before the adoption of this policy.

ITU faculty members may consider depositing articles written earlier to the adoption of this policy if existing publishing agreements does not prevent this.

A faculty member may opt out of this policy for a specific work that has been accepted for publication in a journal or conference proceeding that refuses to allow open access depositing of the work. The opting out requires permission from the faculty members section head. The faculty member is requested to make a note about the opting out as part of the registration of the publication in PURE.

Open Access Practice at ITU
The faculty is encouraged to choose the best possible publication channel for their research results in terms of readership, but they are required to demand that publishers grant them the right to the further use of their own work in teaching, collaboration with fellow scholars and open access depositing.

The ITU's OAP policy is not applicable to or relevant for printed books or ebooks.

The ITU's OAP policy co-exists with the ITU IPR policy (https://ipr.wikit.itu.dk) such that both policies are to be followed.

The IT University uses the PURE publication database as its repository for Open Access publication (The Green Open Access model). In cases where a non-Golden publisher does not grant OA access of the published article, or paying a fee is not an option, the authors should upload a pre-print version, unless OA distribution of pre-prints is expressly denied by the publisher.

In effect ITU faculty will routinely upload a full text version to PURE, noting any relevant embargo period, while registering publications in PURE. An OpenAIRE-id is issued through the PURE database.

The IT University may choose to support OAP directly by hosting Open Access journals run by its faculty members, e.g., Gamestudies.org (The Golden Open Access model).

Care should be taken when using author-pays-based OA journals, to ensure that the journal is not predatory (an exploitative operation whose real purpose is to collect fees, not run by solid peer-review principles). (A comprehensive list can be found here: http://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/).

Author-pays OA publishing and hybrid OA are expensive alternatives that should only be used in cases where lacking alternatives and special reasons pertain.

Open Access is increasingly becoming a prerequisite of research funding agencies within the Danish government and the European framework programme Horizon 2020. Hence, Open Access publications deriving from activities funded under such auspices will be recorded by the grant-holding researchers as part of the reporting for any such agencies.

ITU Management has assigned the responsibility for running the institutional repository PURE to Research and Learning. The faculty members do the actual archiving of the individual documents as part of the process of research registration.

This policy has been adopted by the ITU Department Management after due hearing with the ITU Faculty and ITU Heads of Sections.

The policy paper will be revised simultaneously with the Danish National Open Access policy and strategy, in order to adapt the policy to recent developments within Open Access and to adjust to practical experiences from the implementation at ITU.

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