

Open Access -

Wits Research -

Stepping onto the Global Stage

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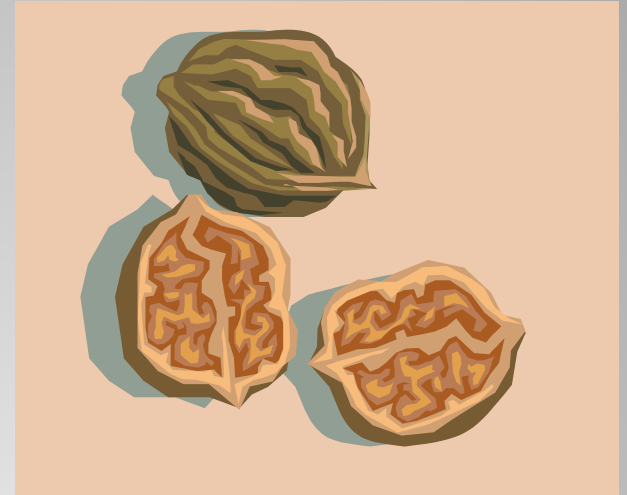


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What is Open Access?

- Free
- Immediate
- Full Text
- Permanent
- Online access
- Limited/no copyright restrictions

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_access)



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Open Access Movement

- Open Access Timeline
<http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/Timeline>
- Budapest Open Access Initiative (2001)
<http://www.soros.org/openaccess/read.shtml>



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Open Access Movement (cont'd)

- The Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences & Humanities

http://oa.mpg.de/openaccess-berlin/berlin_declaration.pdf

- The Bethesda Statement on Open Access Publishing

<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/bethesda.htm>



Open Access: a positive alternative

- Evolving process – more institutions supporting OA
- Funders' conditions for grantees - see: SHERPA-Juliet
<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet>



Commitment to Open Access by SADC Vice-Chancellors

SARUA/AAKA Open Access Leadership
Summit, Botswana, 2007

[http://www.sarua.org/?q=content/open-
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***"Obscurity is a far greater threat
to authors and creative artists
than piracy" (T. O'Reilly)***

**If you aren't on
Google, you
don't exist!**



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Why Open Access for Authors?

- Most research articles accessible by only a few
- Online managed, permanent database of scholarly output
- Directory of Open Access Journals – www.doar.org
- Open Access (OA) maximizes:-
 - research *visibility, usage and uptake*
 - research *applications, impact and citation*
 - research *productivity, progress and funding*
 - research *manageability and assessability*

By maximising research accessibility!



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Why Open Access for universities?

- Ethical argument – give public access
- Maximises, measures and rewards uptake, usage, applications and impact of research activity
- Showcases research output on global stage
- Reduce e-licences, journal subscriptions & copyright fees



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