



Conference

Tuesday, February 13th,
09:00 AM – 02:00 PM

How to increase your impact with Open Access

Belgium signs the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities.

What?

A national conference on the advantages of Open Access for scholarly communication, with contributions by international experts in different disciplines. The Berlin Declaration will be signed by all Belgian rectors and the President of the Flemish Council of Schools of HE (cfr. programme).

Who?

This day is meant for all researchers, research administrators as well as members of institutional administrations and funding agencies. The day is organised by DRIVER, a project funded by the European Commission for the advancement of the visibility and accessibility of European research, in collaboration with the FWO, FNRS and many other Belgian research and academic institutions.

Why?

To demonstrate that Open Access can improve impact and visibility of research, and that Open Access should be used for research assessments. By signing the Berlin Declaration, research councils, politicians and rectors approve of this new paradigm in scientific communication.

When?

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Where?

Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences
1, Hertogstraat/Rue Ducale
1000 Brussels

How?

For more information, see conference programme
For registration, see <http://www.driver-repository.be/>

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09:00–09:30	Registration and coffee	
09:30–09:45	Welcome and introduction	DRIVER
09:45–10:00	Welcome and introduction by Koen Verlaeckt , Chief of cabinet of Minister Moerman, Vice-President of the Flemish Government, Minister of Economy, Enterprise, Innovation, Science and Foreign Trade for the Flemish Government Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet , Vice-President of the French Community, Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and International Relations for the French Community, Minister of Research and New Technology and Foreign Affairs for the Walloon Region	
10:00–10:30	KEY NOTE Open Access: what it does for you and your country, and what you and your country need to do for Open Access	Dr. Alma Swan Key Perspectives (UK)
10:30–10:45	LECTURE Publishing and Impact Factor: Traditional or Open Access Journals?	Prof. Dr. E. Zimanyi ULB, informatics engineering dept. (BE)
10:45–11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15–11:35	LECTURE Open Access for the biomedical sciences	Prof. Dr. Henri Verhaaren UGent, UZ dept. of Pediatrics and Medical Genetics (BE)
11:35–12:00	LECTURE Beyond Impact: Open Access in the Humanities	Dr. Gary Hall, David Ottina, Dr. Sigi Jottkandt Open Humanities Press and CSeARCH
12:00–12:30	The importance of the Berlin Declaration and why we choose to sign it All Belgian rectors hand over the signed copies of the Berlin Declaration: Prof. P. Van Cauwenberge (rector UGent), Prof. B. Van Camp (rector VUB), Prof. P. Vincke (rector ULB), Prof. M. Scheuer (rector FUNDP), Prof. L. De Schepper (rector UHasselt), Prof. B. Rentier (rector ULg), Prof. M. Vervenne (rector KULeuven), Prof. F. Van Loon (rector UAntwerpen), Prof. C. Conti (rector FPMs), Prof. B. Coulie (rector UCL), Prof. A. Thewis (rector FUSAGx), Prof. C. Delporte (rector FUCAM), Prof. J.-P. Lambert (rector FUSL), Prof. M. Van Hoecke (rector KUB) and Prof. B. Hoogewijs (President of the Flemish Council of Schools of HE)	
12:30–12:45	Closing remarks by Dr. Laurent Romary Chief librarian of the new digital library of the Max Planck Gesellschaft, Berlin (GE)	
12:45–14:00	Reception (sponsored by Swets, FNRS and FWO)	