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Call for papers

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OPEN ACCESS ICOA 2016

« Open Access to scientific publications: Between use
and preservation of the digital memory »

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Organizers

Institut Supérieur de Documentation (Higher Institute of Documentation),
University of Manouba, Tunisia

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And in the context of:

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Presentation

The international community of researchers is becoming more and more committed to the movement of Open Access (OA) to scientific publications. Similarly, commercial publishers, who dominate the sector, have begun to revise their business models in favor of OA. This trend began with the pressure force exerted by the movement of OA that managed to encourage decision makers to adopt policies in favor of the movement. Various experiences in the USA, France, Canada and other countries are instructive in terms of the implementation of national policies of OA. They have adopted laws, universal declarations as well as a wide range of mechanisms to facilitate the application of the principles of OA.

Almost two decades after the appearance of the movement - depending on whether we consider the first open archive ArXiv, the PLoS open letter or the Budapest Open Access Initiative BOAI as a starting point - we believe that this movement has now reached a certain maturity requiring a debate on a wide range of issues to review all its achievements to the research community and its advantages for the advancement of research in general. With DOAJ, ROAR, OpenDOAR and DOAB, to mention just a few of the major directories of various types of academic publications, the supply of Open Access publications continues to increase and diversify imposing other evaluation metrics of research and researchers called alternative metrics. The latter are offered as alternatives to traditional metrics such as the impact factor, strongly criticized by some researchers' communities.

After the first edition of the conference, organized in Tunis on 27th and 28th of November 2014 with over 150 participants from different countries, this second edition is a good opportunity for an in-depth

debate about the contributions, challenges and benefits of OA and to reflect together on the strategies to propel this movement particularly in the developing countries.

This conference will also be part of an important cultural and scientific event at the national and regional levels namely "*Sfax capital of Arab culture 2016*". It will, thus, create an opportunity for more exchange between researchers coming from various regions as well as for a large number of information specialists from different disciplines. The conference will also allow us to share the outcome of research and feedback on aspects related to the new models of scientific communication and valorization of cultural and scientific heritage.

Themes

Researchers can submit papers in one of the following themes:

- **Research communities and OA** : integration of disciplinary communities of researchers in the OA movement;
- **Use and Metrics studies**: usage indicators of OA publications, bibliometrics, scientometrics and alternative metrics;
- **Open science, open society, open source, Open University, open training and open access**: theoretical frameworks and sharing of the "open" culture between different communities. Culture of transmission, sharing and Access to scientific information and research results;
- **Scientific and cultural memory**: the role of OA in the use and preservation of local, regional and national scientific and cultural heritage;
- **Globalization of scientific and cultural heritage**: Awareness among various communities of the value of their scientific and cultural heritage at the local, regional and national levels (accumulation, preservation and sharing of scientific and cultural heritage);
- **Institutional Open Access policies and strategies**: Academic publications, institutional repositories, academic journals and role of researchers and leaders in the implementation of institutional, national and regional strategies and policies;
- **Libraries and Open Access**: Open Access success stories in libraries;
- **Open Access, copyright and emerging forms of scholarship**: aspects related to traditional and new forms of Copyright, including Creative Commons, for the new forms of scholarly publishing;
- **Economic Approaches of OA**: the limits of the traditional economic model of scientific communication and the emergence of new business models related to OA and the development of digital output and digitization;

Important dates

- **February 22, 2016** : call for abstracts
- **April 3, 2016** : deadline for submission of extended abstracts
- **April 18, 2016** : Notification of acceptance of abstracts
- **July 31, 2016** : Deadline for submission of full papers
- **September 19, 2016** : Acceptance Notification of full papers
- **December, 1-3 2016** : Conference

Submission

Authors interested in one of the themes of the conference are invited to submit, using the conference platform at <http://icoa2016.sciencesconf.org>, in the first instance, long abstracts of their proposals before the deadline as specified above in English, French or Arabic. Authors should follow the instructions of submission as mentioned in the platform (they should contain the title, problematic issues,

methodology, the main results, keywords and a brief bibliography). This text should be 2 pages long, RTF, doc or docx formats, Times New Roman font, size 12, and single-spaced.

The authors of accepted abstracts will be asked later to submit the full text according to the model which will be communicated to all concerned authors in time.

Each full-text paper will be anonymously evaluated by two reviewers from the scientific committee who should decide the final acceptance or refusal of the paper.

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Conference proceedings

The conference proceedings will be published on paper by the Higher Institute of Documentation (ISD), and distributed to speakers and participants to the conference. The speakers may publish their papers as Open Access.

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