Open access and academic libraries
The Hungarian landscape

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Topics not covered...

- The emergence of Open Access
- Definitions, typology
- Societal good, benefits
- Technical aspects
- Business models and considerations
Topics covered

- Academic libraries’ strategic goals
- How OA affects academic libraries
- The OA landscape in Hungary
  - Main actors
  - A short history
  - Regulations, policies
  - Present situation, ongoing projects
- Future trends, plans, expectations: how to move on…
Strategic goals of Hungarian academic libraries

- **Core values**
  - Promoting better access to high quality scientific information for a wider user community
  - Democracy, openness and collaboration
  - Advocating libraries as being core institutions of a sustainable economy and society

- **Key policy areas**
  - Exploring the transformation facing academic libraries and librarians
  - Rethinking the library collection aiming at a shared strategy for preservation and access
  - Ensuring access to content
  - Supporting scholarly research and open science
  - Supporting learning for students and the wider community
  - Management, organisational culture and skills
How OA affects academic libraries

Tasks

- Promoting OA principles
- Providing the infrastructure and taking part in OA publishing
- Adjusting library services to OA content (a disruption to roles, services (discovery, ILL), budgets: in the last 20-30 years or so providing access to journal articles behind paywalls was the major purpose of academic libraries as seen by faculty and students and open access will change that. Aaron Tay’s blog → new roles
- Making users aware of OA content
- Explaining what OA entails (strength&weaknesses, trends...)
The OA landscape in Hungary

Main actors

- Hunor – Association of Hungarian open access repositories - consortium „to advance national open access practices” unofficial, professional network, 23 universities/colleges + Academy of Sciences

- Institutions
  - University libraries (Debrecen-NOAD, Hunor coordinator, Szeged, Corvinus, ELTE, Szent István, Semmelweis, Miskolc, Nyugat-Magyarországi, Széchenyi István, Nemzeti Közszolgálati)
  - Hungarian Academy of Sciences
  - SZTAKI (HAS Institute for Computer Science and Control)
  - Central European University ? (a forerunner, what now?)
The OA landscape in Hungary: a short history

- HUNOR – 2008 a consortium „to advance national open access practices” - networking, advocacy, technical advice, standards...
- 2011 – franchise office for Sherpa/ROMEO – 28 publishers with ~ 120 journal titles registered
- Berlin Declaration: 2003 CEU, 2008 OTKA (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund), 2009 U Debrecen
- Mandates: OTKA* 2013, H Academy of Sciences 2013,
- An honorary member: Hungarian Electronic Library 1995-

* National Research, Development and Innovation Office
Regulation, policies

- **Legislation**
  - Act XL on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (1994, 2015.):
    THE DATABASE - a comprehensive (centralised) bibliographic database of scholarly publications and citations (Magyar Tudományos Művek Tára – Hungarian Scientific Bibliography) - mandatory for all research results funded by state money, operated by HAS Library, authors, university libraries
  - Act CCIV on National Higher Education (mandatory open access of dissertations, publication data in MTMT, libraries curating the knowledge base of the institution, content management)
  - 30/2014. EMMI - developing a national infrastructure of OA repositories, disseminating research results (publications and datasets)
- **Mandates**: OTKA, HAS,
- **Policy guidelines**: universities - no explicit mandate, strong commitment
Implementation, ongoing projects

- Repositories
  - HAS Library - 7 repositories (document types) ≥ 60,000 docs
  - HAS Institutes - 3 repositories
  - University reps - 12 (Honor search), 14 OpenAire, 23 OpenDOAR

- Diverse picture:
  - Content: 9 → 181,000 items, OA content varies, 30 inst, 3 disciple
  - Software: 57% (19) Eprints, 24% (8) Dspace, (3) Jadox, 1 DigiTool
Implementation, ongoing projects

- Repositories
  - Policies – not defined

- Quality assurance: accreditation process 2013 onward, committee from MTMT member institutions, criteria:
  - Institutional embeddedness
  - Technical conditions
  - Content transparency (metadata and full text)
  - Quality control processes
  - OAI-PMH validation
  - International collaboration, compatibility (registries, aggregators)
  - MTMT compatibility
  - SWORD protocol

18 accredited, 5 temporary accreditation
Implementation, ongoing projects

- International collaboration
  - Dart-Europe 15 institutions (many through REAL-PhD)
  - PASTEUR4OA (Open Access Policy Alignment Strategies for European Union Research) – HAS Library
  - OpenAire – U Debrecen, HUNOR
  - ...?

- Gold OA

- Institutional policies
  - OTKA grants - APCs included
  - University funds – U Szeged 200.000 €s, & others, different conditions, hybrid not preferred, etc.

- Research assessment philosophies – conservative principles, highly positioned journals, reluctance to self-achieving, etc. – altmetrics (article level metrics made possible by technology..)
The Future ...what to do, what needs to be done

- Advocacy still needed
- Alignement of institutional policies in Hungary
- General adoptions of international standards
- Fostering international collaboration – research projects and library support
  - Staff competencies, language skills, library roles, deregulating library practices
- Research data – management, archiving, sharing...

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