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Mediterranean Open Access Network

Open Access in the Mediterranean Countries: (Italy)

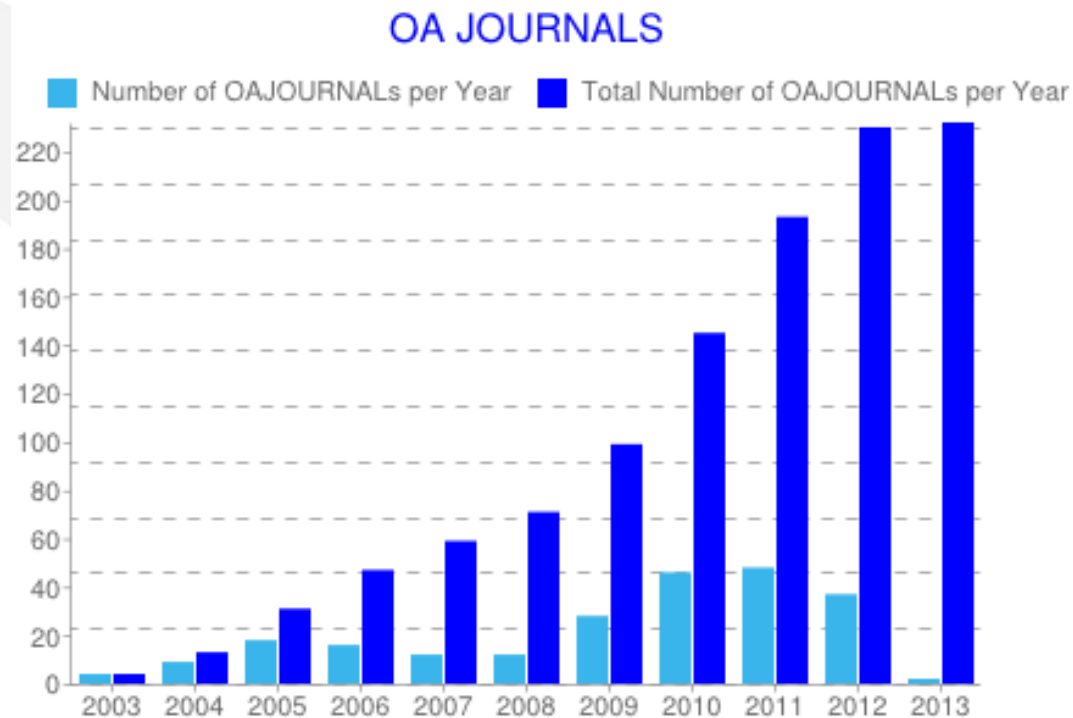
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- Open Access Journals
- Publishers' OA Policies
- Open Access Repositories
- RPO's OA Policies
- Research Funders' OA Policies
- Open Access Projects

- **237 journals** are listed in **DOAJ**
- **Over 250 existing OA journals** (mainly based on OJS)

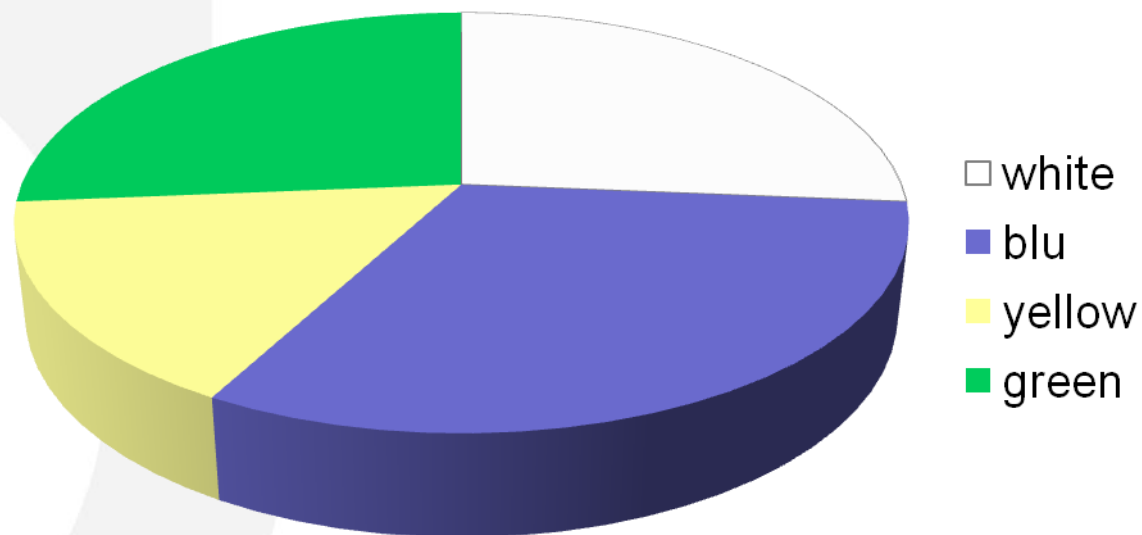


- Conversion of traditional peer reviewed journals into OA
 - mainly University Department journals or University Academic Press or joint initiative of learned society and universities
- Creation of new journals (Open Access native)
 - Mainly university Dept journals or University academic Press
 - Some young commercial digital publishing houses
 - experimenting different economic models
- Driving Forces : the availability of OA journal platform (e.g OJS) and its services, need for visibility, impact and internationalization

- Resistance of commercial/ society publishers to move to OA
- Economic sustainability of OA model
- Research Assessment and Open Access
- Scarce interest in experimenting novelties (e.g. enhanced publications, alternative peer reviewing, new business models etc.)

- **19 publishers** are listed in **SHERPA/RoMEO**
- 1 of them participated in the survey

publishers policies (according to SHERPA/RoMEO)



- Context : fragmentary market, delay in adoption of new technology, lack of economy of scale, lack of a International perspective, lack of published copyright policy
- Difficulty in involving commercial and academic/society publishers in any initiative and survey relating to copyright issues and OA policies
- Lack of a political stand on OA (due to ignorance, or perception of OA as an economic threat, concrete worries about their economic future)
- Previous to MedOAnet survey, another survey was conducted by CRUI - Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities - OA working group which had a modest response (12 respondents/110)
- The MedOAnet survey had only 3 respondents which stated to allow self-archiving of pre-prints and post-prints

The number of respondents is very low and not very representative of the Italian situation

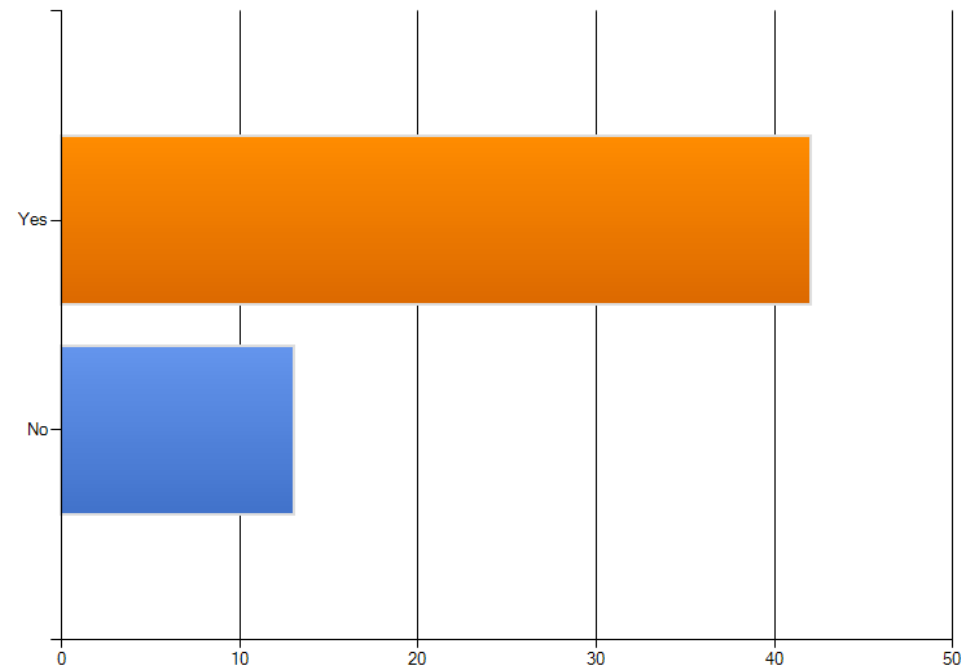
The scarce number of responses can be ascribed to

- the reasons mentioned before
- the concurrence of the Research Evaluation Exercise (Spring 2012)
- the uncertainty about what to respond

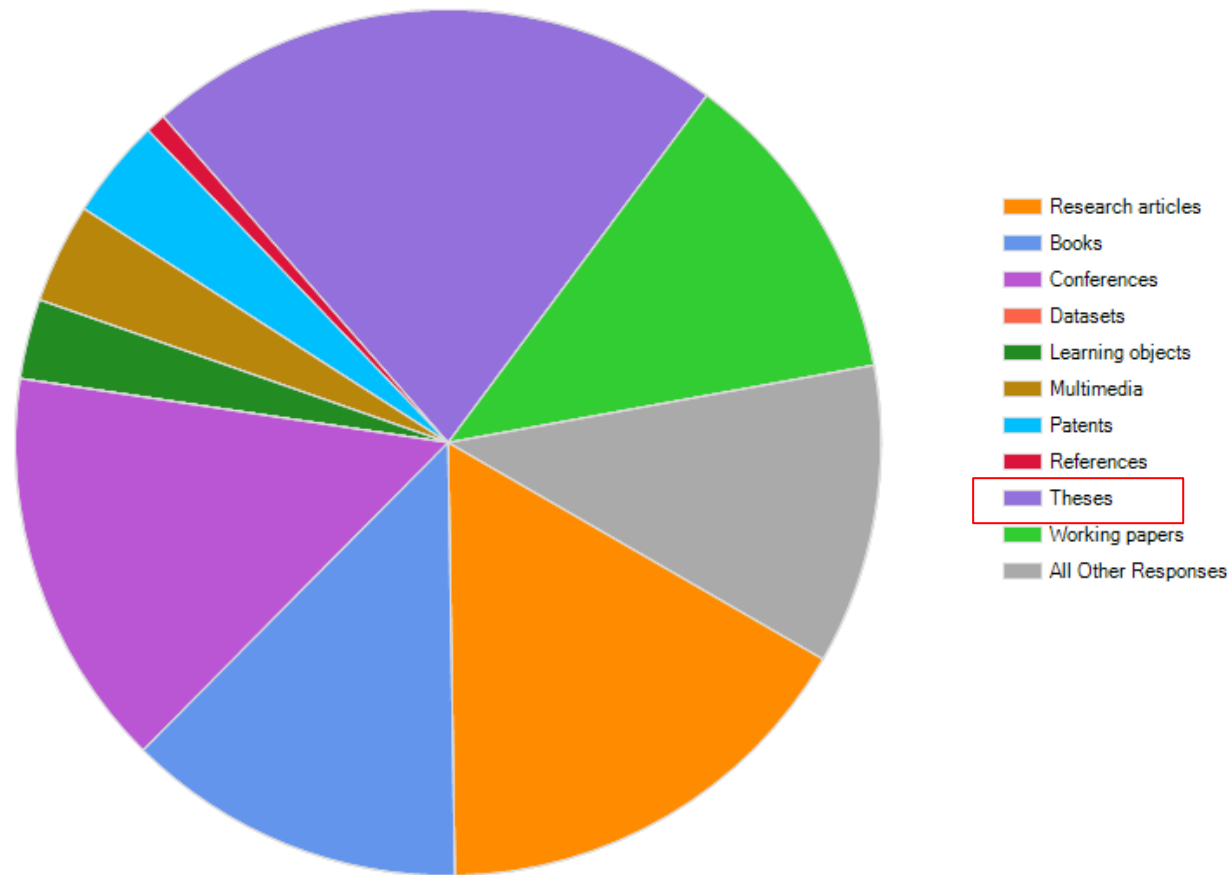
ACTION NEEDED : Publishers must be involved in Open Access activities at National level

- **70 repositories** are listed in **OpenDOAR**
- **57** of them participated in the survey

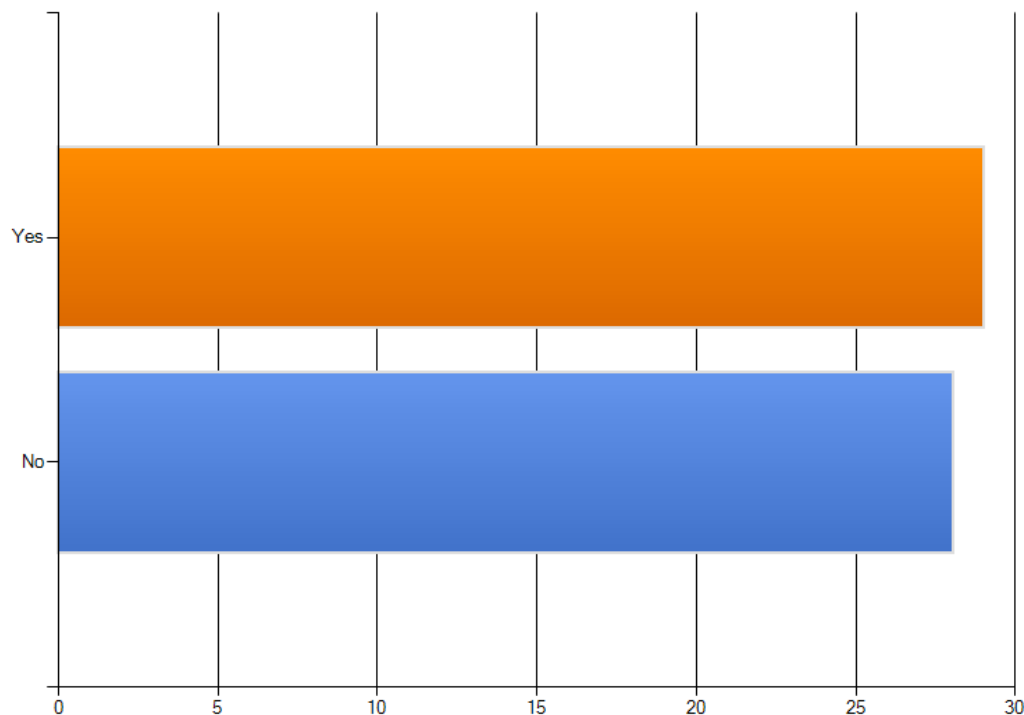
Does your institution operate an Open Access repository?



What type of content is there in the Open Access repository of your institution? (multi ticking)



Is there an Open Access policy in your institution?



More than a half of the respondents state they have an institutional policy; however, it covers specific types of materials mainly doctoral theses or set rules about the deposition, license etc...

- Context and Framework:
 - OA principles are reported in several Italian recent university bylaws,
 - mandate for doctoral theses implemented in most universities
 - lack of mandate for scientific published output (peer reviewed articles, etc) or research data
 - legal implications, academic freedom
 - Incentives and link between CRIS and OA repository
- CRUI OA-working (a subgroup lead by legal experts) is drafting a policy model which could be adopted by Italian universities
- The recent Research Assessment Exercise was « a missed opportunity» to demonstrate the benefits and the advantages of OA in the evaluation process

ACTION NEEDED at Ministry level (MedOAnet National Taskforce is working on it)

The Ministry of University and Research has taken no action on OA yet

Main research centres have not adopted any policy yet (except for the National Health Institute)

Regional governments, bank foundations are still unaware (they are becoming sensitive to open raw data, not to publications yet)

2 (private) funders : Telethon (charity) and Cariplo (bank foundation) have adopted mandates (self-archiving and publishing in OA journals)

National projects

- Wiki OA http://wiki.openarchives.it/index.php/Pagina_principale
- PLEIADI <http://www.openarchives.it/pleiadi/> (Italian platform for Italian scientific literature indexing more than 600.000 items, peer reviewed articles, doctoral dissertations, working papers, conference papers, etc)

International projects

Participation to

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Continue to support and advocate OA through the bottom up approach

Start the top-down approach

- Working toward a national OA policy with the Ministry of University and Research will be the key activity of MedOAnet Italian Task Force in the next months based on
 - EC Recommendations on open access to scientific information and conservation- July 17°
 - OA principles in Horizon 2020
- Establishing a temporary OA Committee under the aegis of the Ministry with the main stakeholders (university/research centre administrators, researchers, publishers, national evaluation agency)