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Cc : Cost of Knowledge <costofknowledge@ima.umn.edu>
Attchmnt:
Subject : RE: Declaration of G8 science ministers on Open Access
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Bonjour Henry,

I insist about the fact that Diamond OA is different from Gold OA because publication is then done without requiring publishers (in the classical sense): they are replaced by publishing electronic platforms, designed by us and for us, whose services (people, servers and softwares) are supported by funding agencies (as it is the case of many other service units we use for research, such as supercomputers, telescopes, particle accelerators...). Such publishing platforms already exist as a free service to publish journals that have been selected by them, e.g., scielo.org that publishes more than 1000 journals and is financed by the State of Sao Paulo (Brazil), or revues.org that publishes 375 journals and is financed by both CNRS and Aix-Marseille University (France).

A second essential feature of Diamond OA is that journals are owned by a legal entity that scientists control, not by publishing companies controlled by shareholders. You probably remember the discussion Ingrid launched between us in February 2012: how would we like to run the fictitious 'Journal of Metaplectoid Geometry'? As far as I remember, we agreed on the fact that there should be a non-profit legal entity 'LEMG' (foundation, society or cooperative) that owns the journal title, appoints the editorial board and is in charge of peer-reviewing. As done today, peer-reviewing is performed on a volunteer basis, namely without being paid any extra salary since it is an integral part of our research work.

Up to here those two characteristics could apply to non OA journals too. The third feature that is specific to OA is that there is no more subscription since reading becomes free and authors do no more have to give their copyright to be publish. They attach a Creative Commons Licence to their paper that allows anyone to publish it while they retaining their copyright. This new type of licence is close to author-right law that applies in many non Anglo-American countries (e.g., France, Germany, Brazil, Japan...).

Last point I would like we rediscuss through our CoK email address is the issue of journal emancipation that Ingrid addressed in her post last October on IMU website. Indeed, I feel concerned about the ectic creation of many new journals, due to the tempting opportunity to make money with Gold OA (in the

sense imposed by publishers, i.e., authors pay to publish). You have certainly heard about fake journals that managed to extract money to naive authors ready to pay to be published. It would be much better to save the journals we consider the more valuable by rethinking the way they are published. Hopefully most of them are presently published in an acceptable way and they should keep going. But we should find ways to recover the control of important journals whose publisher has developed bad practices (I have several examples of those).

Sorry to have been quite long but I needed to provide details hoping you now see the difference between Gold OA and Diamond OA.
Looking forward to read you, all the best,

Marie

> -----Original Message-----

> From: farge [mailto:farge@lmd.ens.fr]

> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 7:20 AM

> To: Cost of Knowledge

> Subject: Declaration of G8 science ministers on Open Access

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> Dear CoK colleagues,

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> I have not been writing you for a while, although in the meantime things
> have been moving in some quite positive direction. Today and tomorrow the
> G8 leaders, including Obama, are meeting in Ireland and the development of
> open access to scientific publications and data is on their agenda. To
> prepare this, the science ministers of the G8 countries made a joint
> declaration on June 12th where they explain the goals. On page IV, point
> IV, they state: 'We recognise that there are different routes to open
> access (green, gold and other innovative models) which need to be explored
> and potentially developed in a complementary way'. This is the first time
> in an official declaration that OA is not limited to green and gold
> models, and behind 'other innovative models' there is the 'diamond OA' we
> have proposed, plus many other models still to be invented. I appreciate
> this opening that means that we have managed to resist the lobbying of
> publishers who impose gold OA upon us. We should now surf on this
> opportunity and proved that other models are possible by developing them.
> You can download the G8 ministers declaration from

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> [http://wavelets.ens.fr/BOYCOTT_ELSEVIER/DECLARATIONS/
2013_06_12_G8_Science_Ministers.pdf](http://wavelets.ens.fr/BOYCOTT_ELSEVIER/DECLARATIONS/2013_06_12_G8_Science_Ministers.pdf)

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> I think we should resynchronise a little bit via our email address
> <costofknowledge@ima.umn.edu>. I enjoyed the post that Ingrid put on IMU
> 'Blog on mathematical journals' on October 25th but I am surprised that
> there is no other post concerning journal emancipation, that I consider as
> a very important issue to us. The two last posts on Tim's blog (Juen 16th
> and May 27th) are also related to publication.

> Best wishes to all of you,
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> Marie
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