Bibliodiversity and OA monographs

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DOAB

• Discovery service for OA books
• Searchable index to peer reviewed monographs
• Links back to Open Access publication
• + links to webshop and vendors
DOAB goals

- Increase discoverability of OA books
- Provide authoritative list of OA book publishers
- Support quality assurance and standards
- Promote OA book publishing
OA book publishers in DOAB

- Africa: 3
- Asia: 4
- Australia: 2
- Europe: 183
- North America: 35
- South America: 22
DOAB user needs

Outcome of survey and online discussion:

• Requirements and standards concerning quality control are warmly welcomed

• Provide transparency about procedures used (icon system?)

• As long as these standards remain flexible and open to a variety of quality control mechanisms, from editorial control to open peer review and post publication review

• Focus should remain on the outcome, not on the procedure used
DOAB requirements

Established by OAPEN in consultation with OASPA:

• Academic books in DOAB shall be available under an Open Access license (such as a Creative Commons license)
• Academic books in DOAB shall be subjected to independent and external peer review prior to publication
DOAB certification

- A certification service for peer review procedures and open licenses, at the level of publishers, books, and book chapters
- Development within HIRMEOS
- Pilot implementation for HIRMEOS platforms
- Independent governance through Scientific Board
- Future launch to be planned
DOAB as gatekeeper

- List of OA book publishers and publications that meet quality criteria
- Risk of becoming a barrier in the transition to OA
- Instead, DOAB should support the transition by working with the community
- Help publishers to meet quality criteria
- Acknowledge diversity and make it visible
Funder requirements

Plan S and cOAlition S implementation

• It’s not just about OA
• Funders want high quality OA publications
• Support for OA publications that comply with requirements (quality, transparency, technical)
Quality assurance through transparency

Finding a balance between standardisation and diversity

• Recognize diversity
• Provide information on variety of peer review practises
• Encourage innovation
• Promote open peer review
DOAB scientific board

Aims:

• Oversee Certification service
• Establish the scientific policy of DOAB Foundation
• Support bibliodiversity: the diversity of editorial practices across disciplines and countries
• Advocate for open access in the humanities