SHERPA & Institutional e-print repositories

SHERPA - Securing a Hybrid Environment for Research Preservation and Access
Δ building institutional e-print repositories
Δ Nottingham (lead), Edinburgh, Glasgow, Oxford, Sheffield, Leeds, York, British Library & AHDS
Δ funding: JISC (FAIR programme) and CURL
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‘e-prints’
Δ ‘e-prints’ are electronic versions of research papers and other similar output
Δ ‘pre-prints’ (pre-referred papers) where the subject-discipline uses them
Δ ‘post-prints’ (post-refereed papers) after traditional peer-review
Δ other material - conference papers, book chapters, reports, etc.

institutional repositories
Δ with links to and from home pages and departmental pages
Δ can support academics in every discipline
Δ allows academics to control dissemination of their work
Δ linked to other repositories worldwide for dissemination and search services

benefits for the researcher
Δ wide dissemination
  – papers more visible
  – evidence than on-line material is cited more
Δ rapid dissemination
Δ ease of access
Δ all repositories cross-searchable
Δ value added services
  – hit counts on papers
  – personalised publications lists
  – citation analyses

why “institutional” basis?
Δ institutions have centralised resources:
  – to subsidise repository start up
  – to support repositories with technical / organisational infrastructures
  – to deal effectively with preservation issues over the long term
Δ institutions can work across subject boundaries to share solutions
Δ a natural part of an institution’s function

benefits for the institution
Δ encourages an institutional sense of identity in intellectual output
Δ raises profile and prestige of institution
Δ manages institutional information assets
Δ accreditation / performance management e.g. RAE
Δ long-term cost savings

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