

Copyright and Funders Mandates

RoMEO & JULIET

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RoMEO

- **Publisher numbers** (265 listed on 26/03/07)
- **Search formats**
 - ISSN
 - Journal
 - Publisher



RoMEO Colour Scheme

- Highlights publisher's archiving policies

Green (38%) Can archive both pre & post-prints	Blue (25%) Can archive post-print only
Yellow (10%) Can archive pre-print only	White (27%) Archiving not formally supported

Figures accurate as of March 2007

- Prohibitive restrictions reduce colour level



Conditions & Restrictions

- Two forms of policy rule amendments
- **Conditions**
 - Can be easily accommodated
 - Do not hinder author archiving
 - E.g. *Publisher copyright & source must be acknowledged*
- **Restrictions**
 - Are more prohibitive
 - Require additional actions from author
 - May block public access to eprints
 - E.g. *4 year embargo on deposition*



Maintaining RoMEO

- **Publishers & Journals**
 - Information supplied by the British Library & Zetoc
 - Not all publishers as of yet included on RoMEO
- **New suggestions or updates**
 - Globally from publishers, academics, librarians or public
 - Generally email contact via online form
 - Number of regular contributors
 - Some publishers unknown by the BL
- **All suggestions & updates manually examined**
 - Ensures elimination of spam
 - Quality assures provided service information
 - Allows for bespoke response to each



Simplified Procedure

1. **Locate publisher's Web site**
 - Ensure scholarly publications
2. **Find publisher's copyright transfer agreement (CTA)**
 - Generally under information for authors
 - May vary between different journals from same publisher
3. **Translate CTA into RoMEO standardised phrases**
 - More readily understandable
 - Easy to compare publishers
4. **Publisher contacted**
 - Proposed record presented allowing for clarification
 - Encourages Open Access compliance
5. **Final record made live**
 - Pending further updates or policy changes
 - Updates to Zetoc & British Library



RoMEO Challenges

- **No information online**
 - Publisher reluctance or uncertainty
 - Not all respond...a problem!
- **Conflicting information**
 - Two different sets of guidelines
 - Poorly phrased guidance
- **Unclear boundaries**
 - Common for learned societies using publishers
- **Changes to publisher permissions**
 - Try to keep site up to date
 - Some publisher rights change frequently
- **Increasing size of RoMEO data set**
 - Full time job



Some Solutions

- **Communication with publishers & editors**
 - Electronically, via phone or in-person
- **Attempt to maintain good relations**
 - With individual publishers & key contacts
 - With RoMEO users globally
 - With the OA, academic & publishing communities
- **Viewpoint that OA is companion process**
 - Not in competition with publishers
 - Studies on ArXiv seem positive for this
- **Archiving status unclear**
 - Not ideal, but indicates activity.



New Developments

- Paid OA listing
- Funding Agency compliance



Questions?



Links

- [Http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php](http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php)
- <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet/>

