

The SHERPA/RoMEO Application Programmers' Interface (API) Prototype Version 2.9.7

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Introduction

The SHERPA/RoMEO Application Programmers' Interface (API) is a machine-to-machine interface that lets programmers access RoMEO data from their applications. For instance, the API could be used to incorporate the automatic look-up of journals or publishers into a repository's deposition process.

Principles

Applications submit queries to RoMEO as HTTP requests, using the API's URL with appropriate query parameters attached.

e.g. <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?pub=university%20press&qtype=all>

where:

- <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php> is the URL of the API
- `?pub=university%20press` is the first parameter. In this example, 'pub' is the name of the parameter (indicating a search for publisher's name), and 'university%20press' is its value.

Note that the parameters are URL-encoded, so that a space character is represented by the code '%20'. '+' may also be used instead – e.g. `?pub=university+press`.

- `&qtype=all` is the second parameter. 'qtype' is the name of the query type parameter, and in this case, 'all' indicates that all the strings specified in 'pub' must be present in the publisher's name

Note that the first URL parameter is signified by a '?' character. Subsequent parameters start with a '&'. The parameters can appear in any order, provided this convention is maintained. Thus `'...?qtype=all&pub=university%20press'` is also valid.

The HTML requests are sent to the SHERPA server where they are run against the RoMEO database, and the results returned as an XML file.

For test purposes, API requests may be entered into the address bar of a browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox. Properly structured XML should then be displayed

Example 1 is a sample of the API's output.

The XML document type definition is in file <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd> - see *Appendix A*

Eight types of request can be made:

- Publisher name – Search using keywords and strings
- RoMEO Database Record ID – Search using ID number for a single publisher record
- Journal Title - Search using keywords and strings get a list of matching titles
- Journal Follow-up – Follow up a journal title search to get the publisher's information.
- Journal ISSN (International Standard Serial Number)
- RoMEO Update Date – i.e. the date the publisher recorded as last updated
- Country of the publisher's head office
- RoMEO Colour – RoMEO's grading system for archiving permissions.

Additionally, there are three general parameters that can be used with any query:

- Access Key – Allowing registered users to bypass RoMEO’s access controls
- Language – returning data in a language other than English
- Research Funder – Returning information on compliance with the relevant funders’ open access mandates

Example 1 - XML Output from the SHERPA/RoMEO API

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE romeoapi SYSTEM "http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd">
<romeoapi version="2.9.7">
  <header>
    <parameters>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>jtitle</parametername>
        <parametervalue>journal of geology</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>qtype</parametername>
        <parametervalue>exact</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>showfunder</parametername>
        <parametervalue>all</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      :
      :
      :
    </parameters>
    <numhits>1</numhits>
    <apicontrol>journal</apicontrol>
    <outcome>singleJournal</outcome>
    <message />
    <licence>SHERPA/RoMEO data is available for re-use under a Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share Alike 2.5 licence. For more details, please see the 'conditions for re-use' at the &lt;licenceurl /&gt;, and linked-to from the SHERPA/RoMEO home page.</licence>
    <licenceurl>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeoreuse.html</licenceurl>
    <disclaimer>All SHERPA/RoMEO information is correct to the best of our knowledge but should not be relied upon for legal advice. SHERPA cannot be held responsible for the re-use of RoMEO data, or for alternative interpretations which are derived from this information.</disclaimer>
    <timestamp>04-Oct-2012:15:16:42</timestamp>
  </header>
  <journals>
    <journal>
      <jtitle>Journal of geology</jtitle>
      <issn>0022-1376</issn>
      <zetocpub>University of Chicago Press</zetocpub>
      <romeopub>University of Chicago Press</romeopub>
    </journal>
  </journals>

```

```

<publishers>
  <publisher id="77">
    <name>University of Chicago Press</name>
    <alias />
    <homeurl>http://www.press.uchicago.edu/</homeurl>
    <preprints>
      <prearchiving>can</prearchiving>
      <prerestrictions />
    </preprints>
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      <postarchiving>restricted</postarchiving>
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        </pdfrestriction>
      </pdfrestrictions>
    </postprints>
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          &lt;period units="month"&gt;months&lt;/period&gt; embargo
        </pdfrestriction>
      </pdfrestrictions>
    </pdfversion>

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        discipline-specific pre-print server, including institutional
        repository</condition>
      <condition>Publisher copyright and source must be
        acknowledged</condition>
      <condition>Publisher's version/PDF may be used in institutional
        Repository (encouraged)</condition>
      <condition>Encouraged to link to publisher version</condition>
      <condition>Wellcome Trust and MRC authors may post authors own
        version in PubMed Central/ PubMed Central UK 6 month after
        publication</condition>
      <condition>NIH authors may post authors own version in PubMed
        Central 12 months after publication</condition>
    </conditions>
    <mandates>
      <mandate>
        <funder>
          <fundername>Howard Hughes Medical Institute</fundername>
          <funderacronym>HHMI</funderacronym>
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            http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet/index.php?fPersistentID=24
          </julieturl>
        </funder>
        <publishercomplies>yes</publishercomplies>
        <compliancecetype>Compliant - see conditions</compliancecetype>
        <selectedtitles />
      </mandate>
      :
      :
      :
    </mandates>
  </publisher id="77">
</publishers>

```

```
<paidaccess>
  <paidaccessurl />
  <paidaccessname />
  <paidaccessnotes />
</paidaccess>
<copyrightlinks>
  <copyrightlink>
    <copyrightlinktext>Policy</copyrightlinktext>
    <copyrightlinkurl>
      http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/rights.html</copyrightlinkurl>
    </copyrightlink>
  </copyrightlinks>
<romeocolour>yellow</romeocolour>
<dateadded>2004-01-10 00:00:00</dateadded>
<dateupdated>2011-01-10 10:38:19</dateupdated>
</publisher>
</publishers>
</romeoapi>
```

Alphabetical List Query Parameters

This table lists the parameters you may use to specify your query and the type of output returned. Parameters are not case sensitive, unless otherwise stated:

- `&ak=` General argument: Access key – a case-sensitive alphanumeric string provided to registered users, enabling them to make more than 500 API requests per day – applies to any query - see *'Using ak Access Keys to Avoid Access Controls'*
- `&all=` Query: `&all=yes` returns the policy data for all the publishers in RoMEO. No other values permitted – see *'Find all Publishers'*
- `&colour=` Query: RoMEO colour. Permitted values: 'green', 'blue', 'yellow', or 'white' – see *'Search by RoMEO Colour'*
- `&country=` Query: Country or continent of the publisher's home office – 2-letter ISO-3166 country code or English name of the continent – see *'Search by Publisher's Country'*
- `&id=` Query: RoMEO persistent publisher/policy ID – comma-separated list of numeric values – see *'Search by RoMEO Database Record ID'*
- `&issn=` Query: Journal ISSN (print and/or online) – e.g. 0015-587X – see *'Search by Journal ISSN'* and *'Journal Follow-up Queries'*
- `&jtitle=` Query: Journal title string search – also requires the `&qtype` argument to specify how the string appears in the title – 'exact' (default), 'starts', or 'contains' – see *'Search by Journal Title'*
- `&la=` General argument: 2-letter ISO code specifying the language in which to return data. Currently possible values: 'en' (default), 'de', 'es', 'hu', or 'pt' – see *'Using la to return Data in Non-English Languages'*
- `&pdate=` Query: Update date for RoMEO publisher records – 'yyyy-mm-dd' format – see *'Search by RoMEO Update Date'*
- `&pub=` Query: Publisher name keywords search – also requires the `&qtype` argument to specify how the keywords appears in the name – 'all' (default), 'any', or 'exact' – see *'Search by Publisher Name'*
- `&qtype=` Query argument: Controls the behaviour of `&jtitle=` and `&pub=` queries – See *'Search by Journal Title'* and *'Search by Publisher Name'*
- `&romeopub=` Query: RoMEO publisher name – used together with `&jtitle=`, `&issn=`, and `&zetocpub=` in Journal follow-up queries – see *'Journal Follow-up Queries'*
- `&showfunder=` General argument: Specifies a research funder, causing information on compliance with their open access mandate to be displayed – see *'Using showfunder to get Mandate Compliance Data'*
- `&zetocpub=` Query: Zetoc publisher name – used together with `&jtitle=`, `&issn=`, and `&romeopub=` in Journal follow-up queries – see *'Journal Follow-up Queries'*

REST Requests (for simple queries only)

The SHERPA/RoMEO API is a RESTful API, in that the query parameters are specified by adding arguments to the base URL. However, true REST query URLs may be used for certain types of exact query. These incorporate the query within the main URL rather than in attached arguments.

Please note: The terminal “/” is required for all REST URLs.

REST Journal ISSN Queries

Use the following format:

e.g. <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29/issn/0003-5491/> to search for ISSN 0003-5491

This equates to the following normal API query:

<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?issn=0003-5491>

You can return data in a supported non-English language by adding the appropriate 2-letter ISO language code:

e.g. <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29/issn/0044-5231/pt/> for Portuguese output.

REST Queries for RoMEO Publisher IDs

Use the following format:

e.g. <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29/pub/55/> to search for RoMEO ID No.55 – Oxford University Press

This equates to the following normal API query:

<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?id=55>

Again, you can return data in a supported non-English language by adding the appropriate 2-letter ISO language code:

e.g. www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29/pub/1015/de/ for German output.

Important Note: The current implementation does not handle registered users’ access keys, so the number of requests is limited to 500 per day.

Explanation of the Main XML Elements

<parameters>

Each <parameter> consists of a <parametername>-<parametervalue> pair. Errors may occur if either of these is mis-spelled or if the <parametervalue> is empty. The `source` attribute indicates if a parameter was specified by the calling application, or set as a default by the API.

<numhits>

If the query is valid, this returns the number of relevant records found – which may of course be '0'. If the query is invalid, or if an error occurs, <numhits> is returned empty.

<apicontrol> and <outcome>

These elements are generated by the API while processing the query.

<apicontrol> may have the value: `all`, `colour`, `followup`, `identifier`, `invalid`, `invalidapikey`, `journal`, `pastfreelimit`, or `publisher`.

<outcome> may have the value: `excessJournals`, `failed`, `invalidapikey`, `manyJournals`, `notFound`, `pastfreelimit`, `publisherFound`, `singleJournal`, or `uniqueZetoc`

These elements are likely to be of use to application developers mainly for trouble shooting.

<message>

This element holds any error and warning messages.

<licence>, <licenceurl> and <disclaimer>

These elements hold Information on terms and conditions under which the API may be used.

<journals>

Each <journal> record always consists of four elements

- <jtitle> - Journal title
- <issn> - International Standard Serial Number *
- <zetocpub> - Publisher's name, as found in ZETOC or DOAJ *
- <romeopub> - Publisher's name in the RoMEO database *

Asterisked fields may be empty if either the journal is not found in ZETOC or DOAJ, and/or the publisher is not in the SHERPA database.

A non-null <romeopub> element indicates that the publisher is covered by the RoMEO database, and can therefore be used for a follow-up publisher search. The other three elements derive from the ZETOC database. The ZETOC and RoMEO publishers may differ. Publishers' names in RoMEO are standardised and may also cover subsidiaries.

<publishers>

This section contains publishers' policy information as embodied in RoMEO or our partner database DOAJ. Each <publisher> tag may contain the following attributes:

- `id=` - Always present. If numeric, this gives the RoMEO persistent ID for the publisher's policy. Otherwise, `DOAJ` indicates data drawn from the *Directory of Open Access Journals*.
- `parentid=` - If the policy is a special exception to the publisher's general policy, this hold the RoMEO persistent ID for the parent publisher record

- `status=` - 'provisional' if the RoMEO data is provisional. Otherwise this attribute is omitted.

<preprints>

`<prearchiving>` indicates whether or not authors may self-archive pre-prints (subject to any conditions given later in the record). It may have one of four values: `can`, `cannot`, `restricted`, `unclear`, or `unknown`. In the manual RoMEO system, these correspond with the symbols: green tick, red cross, dashed grey tick, and question mark, respectively. See *Appendix B* for further detail.

If self-archiving is restricted, `<prerestrictions>` will contain a list of the publisher's `<prerestriction>` restrictions. Otherwise, this element is left empty.

<postprints>

The elements in this section - `<postarchiving>`, `<postrestrictions>` and `<postrestriction>` - work the same way as for pre-prints.

<pdfversion>

The elements in this section - `<pdfarchiving>`, `<pdfrestrictions>` and `<pdfrestriction>` - work the same way as for pre-prints and post-prints.

<conditions>

These may apply to pre-prints, post-prints and/or publisher's version/PDF

<mandates>

These elements hold any data that is available on the publisher's compliance with research funding agency open access mandates.

Each `<mandate>` block comprises the following elements:

- `<funder>`
 - `<fundername>` - The funder's full name. If there are multiple names in different languages, only the first is given.
 - `<funderacronym>` - The funder's acronym. If there are multiple acronyms for different language versions of the name, only the first is given.
 - `<julieturl>` - URL of the funder's full JULIET record
- `<publishercomplies>` - Does the publisher comply? May have the values 'yes', 'no', or 'unclear'.
- `<compliancecetype>` - Set phrase indicating the type of compliance or non-compliance. See list in Appendix C
- `<selectedtitles>` - 'yes' if the compliance only applies to selected journal titles. Otherwise blank.

<paidaccess>

Details of the publisher's paid open access option – if any:

- `<paidaccessurl>` - URL of a web page describing the paid OA option.
- `<paidaccessname>` - Name of the option (or '[unnamed Option]').
- `<paidaccessnotes>` - Any associated notes.

<copyrightlinks>

One or more hyperlinks to the publisher's copyright policy statements - if available online.

Each <copyrightlink> consists of a pair of elements:

- <copyrightlinktext> - The text to be displayed for the link.
- <copyrightlinkurl> - The link's URL.

<romeocolour>

This field gives the colour-code assigned by RoMEO to the publisher. Possible values are: green, blue, yellow, white, and gray. See <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/definitions#colours> for an explanation of the RoMEO colours. 'gray' is used for publishers found in DOAJ that have not yet been analysed by RoMEO.

<datedded>

Date on which the publisher was added to the RoMEO (or DOAJ) database.

<dateupdated>

Date on which the publisher's record was last edited or updated in the RoMEO (or DOAJ) database.

Search by Publisher Name:

Parameters:

- **pub** – Required: query string(s) for a publisher search
- **qtype** – Optional: permitted values 'all' (default), 'any', or 'exact'

Example requests:

The following examples explain and illustrate the effects of the three possible `qtype` parameters:

- **qtype=all** – All the strings in `pub` must appear in the publisher's name, but they may be in any order or location. This is the default `qtype`.

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?pub=optical%20society&qtype=all>

Finds:

International Society for Optical Engineering
Optical Society of America

- **qtype=any** – Publishers' names must include one or more of the `pub` strings

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?pub=chemistry%20society&qtype=any>

Results include:

Biophysical Society
International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
Royal Society of Chemistry

- **qtype=exact** – The `pub` string must appear as an intact 'phrase' somewhere in the publisher's name.

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?pub=tute%20of%20physics&qtype=exact>

Only finds:

American Institute of Physics
Institute of Physics

Results:

Requests may retrieve zero, one or more results. If a single publisher is found, you should still check that it is the correct one. *Example 2* illustrates the results from the publisher search.

Note that an empty `<journals>` section is always returned with publisher searches.

Example 2 – Sample output from an API Publisher Name Search

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE romeoapi SYSTEM "http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd">
<romeoapi version="2.9.7">
  <header>
    <parameters>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>pub</parametername>
        <parametervalue>institute of physics</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>qtype</parametername>
        <parametervalue>all</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>showfunder</parametername>
        <parametervalue>none</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>fidnum</parametername>
        <parametervalue>|</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
    </parameters>
    <numhits>2</numhits>
    <apicontrol>publisher</apicontrol>
    <outcome>publisherFound</outcome>
    <message />
    <licence>SHERPA/RoMEO data is available for re-use under a Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share Alike 2.5 licence. For more details, please see the 'conditions for re-use' at the &lt;licenceurl /&gt;, and linked-to from the SHERPA/RoMEO home page.</licence>
    <licenceurl>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeoreuse.html</licenceurl>
    <disclaimer>All SHERPA/RoMEO information is correct to the best of our knowledge but should not be relied upon for legal advice. SHERPA cannot be held responsible for the re-use of RoMEO data, or for alternative interpretations which are derived from this information.</disclaimer>
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      <alias />
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        <prerestrictions />
      </preprints>
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        <postrestrictions />
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    or institutional website</condition>
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    servers</condition>
  <condition>Must link to publisher version or journal home
    page</condition>
  <condition>Publisher copyright and source must be
    acknowledged</condition>
  <condition>NIH-funded articles are automatically deposited with
    PubMed Central with open access after 12 months</condition>
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    at an additional charge.</condition>
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    <condition>Published source must be acknowledged</condition>
    <condition>Publisher's version/PDF cannot be used, except for
      New Journal of Physics</condition>
    <condition>On a non-profit server</condition>
    <condition>If funding agency rules apply, authors may post articles
      in PubMed Central 12 months after publication</condition>
  </conditions>
  <mandates />
  <paidaccess>
    <paidaccessurl />
    <paidaccessname />
    <paidaccessnotes />
  </paidaccess>

```

```
<copyrightlinks>
  <copyrightlink>
    <copyrightlinktext>Policy</copyrightlinktext>
    <copyrightlinkurl>
      http://authors.iop.org/atom/help.nsf/0/
      F20EC7D4A1A670AA80256F1C0053EEFF?OpenDocument
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</copyrightlinks>
<romeocolour>green</romeocolour>
<dateadded>2004-01-10 00:00:00</dateadded>
<dateupdated>2009-05-07 11:21:26</dateupdated>
</publisher>
</publishers>
</romeoapi>
```

Search by RoMEO Database Record ID

Parameter:

- **id** – Required: Persistent Identifier of the required RoMEO database record

In *Examples 2 & 3*, you can see that the `<publisher>` tag includes an `id` attribute, which is the publisher's internal record number for the RoMEO database. This can be used for a follow-up search to retrieve the single record, as follows:

e.g. <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?id=3>

This query can also be formulated as a REST URL:

e.g. <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29/pub/3/>

Example 3 – Sample Output from an API ID Search

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE romeoapi SYSTEM "http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd">
<romeoapi version="2.9.7">
  <header>
    <parameters>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>id</parametername>
        <parametervalue>3</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>showfunder</parametername>
        <parametervalue>none</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
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        <parametervalue>|</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
    </parameters>
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    <apicontrol>identifier</apicontrol>
    <outcome>publisherFound</outcome>
    <message />
    <licence>SHERPA/RoMEO data is available for re-use under a Creative
      Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share Alike 2.5 licence. For
      more details, please see the 'conditions for re-use' at the
      &lt;licenceurl /&gt;, and linked-to from the SHERPA/RoMEO home
      page.</licence>
    <licenceurl>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeoreuse.html</licenceurl>
    <disclaimer>All SHERPA/RoMEO information is correct to the best of
      our knowledge but should not be relied upon for legal advice.
      SHERPA cannot be held responsible for the re-use of RoMEO data,
      or for alternative interpretations which are derived from this
      information.</disclaimer>
    <timestamp>03-Jun-2009:13:21:13</timestamp>
  </header>
  <journals />
```



```

<publishers>
  <publisher id="3">
    <name>American Association for the Advancement of Science</name>
    <alias />
    <homeurl>http://www.aaas.org/</homeurl>
    <preprints>
      <prearchiving>can</prearchiving>
      <prerestrictions />
    </preprints>
    <postprints>
      <postarchiving>can</postarchiving>
      <postrestrictions />
    </postprints>
    <conditions>
      <condition>Pre-print may be considered prior
        publication</condition>
      <condition>Pre-print on not-for-profit preprint servers where
        allowed, please contact editors for clarification</condition>
      <condition>Cannot archive until publication</condition>
      <condition>On author's personal web site</condition>
      <condition>Author's own version of accepted paper</condition>
      <condition>Must link to publisher version</condition>
      <condition>Published source must be acknowledged</condition>
      <condition>Authors covered by funding agency rules, may post
        authors own version in PubMed Central after a 6 month
        embargo</condition>
      <condition>Authors covered by funding agency rules, must state on
        submission, for article to be released in PubMed Central after 6
        months after publication.</condition>
    </conditions>
    <mandates />
    <paidaccess>
      <paidaccessurl />
      <paidaccessname />
      <paidaccessnotes />
    </paidaccess>
    <copyrightlinks>
      <copyrightlink>
        <copyrightlinktext>License to Publish -- Information for
          Authors</copyrightlinktext>
        <copyrightlinkurl>
          http://www.sciencemag.org/feature/contribinfo/prep/lic\_info.pdf
        </copyrightlinkurl>
      </copyrightlink>
      <copyrightlink>
        <copyrightlinktext>License to Publish Form</copyrightlinktext>
        <copyrightlinkurl>
          http://www.sciencemag.org/feature/contribinfo/prep/license.pdf
        </copyrightlinkurl>
      </copyrightlink>
      <copyrightlink>
        <copyrightlinktext>Pmc Policy</copyrightlinktext>
        <copyrightlinkurl>
          http://www.sciencemag.org/help/authors/pmc.dtl
        </copyrightlinkurl>
      </copyrightlink>
    </copyrightlinks>
  </publisher>
</publishers>

```

```
<copyrightlink>
  <copyrightlinktext>Pre-print Comment</copyrightlinktext>
  <copyrightlinkurl>
    http://www.sciencemag.org/about/authors/faq/index.dtl
    #prioronline_faq
  </copyrightlinkurl>
</copyrightlink>
</copyrightlinks>
<romeocolour>green</romeocolour>
<dateadded>2004-01-10 00:00:00</dateadded>
<dateupdated>2009-01-27 13:46:21</dateupdated>
</publisher>
</publishers>
</romeoapi>
```

Search by Journal Title:

Parameters:

- **jtitle** – Required: query string(s) for a journal title search
- **qtype** – Optional: permitted values 'exact' (default), 'starts', or 'contains'

Example requests:

The following examples illustrate the effects of the three possible `qtype` parameters.

N.b. for journals, multiple words in `jtitle` are treated as a single string -:

- **qtype=exact** – Full title (excluding any added place of publication) must equal `jtitle`
e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?jtitle=folk&qtype=exact>

Only finds:

Folk -Kobenhavn-

- **qtype=starts** – The `jtitle` string must appear at the start of the journal title. This is the default `qtype`.

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?jtitle=folk&qtype=starts>

Results include:

Folk -Kobenhavn-
Folklore
Folk music journal

- **qtype=contains** – The `jtitle` string may appear anywhere in the journal title
e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?jtitle=folk&qtype=contains>

Results include:

Folk life
Norfolk archaeology
Southern folklore

Results

There are two formats for the results, depending on whether multiple journals or a single journal are found:

Example 4 shows the output for multiple journals. *Example 1* shows output for a single journal.

Note: `<publishers />` is always empty when multiple journals output are returned.

Warning: Requests may retrieve up to 50 journal titles only. If there are any more, `<outcome>` is set to 'excessJournals'. Unfortunately, there is no facility to get further matches. If your request retrieves 50 journals, and your title is not among the results, you should re-formulate your query with additional title keywords and/or a different `qtype` so that a smaller set is retrieved:

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?jtitle=modern%20language&qtype=contains>

finds the journal 'Canadian modern language review', but

<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?jtitle=modern&qtype=contains> does not, because it does not appear in the first 50 hits.

Example 4 – Sample Output from the API for Multiple Journals

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE romeoapi SYSTEM "http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd">
<romeoapi version="2.9.7">
  <header>
    <parameters>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>jtitle</parametername>
        <parametervalue>dna</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>qtype</parametername>
        <parametervalue>starts</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>showfunder</parametername>
        <parametervalue>none</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>fidnum</parametername>
        <parametervalue>|</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
    </parameters>
    <numhits>4</numhits>
    <apicontrol>journal</apicontrol>
    <outcome>manyJournals</outcome>
    <message />
    <licence>SHERPA/RoMEO data is available for re-use under a Creative
      Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share Alike 2.5 licence. For
      more details, please see the 'conditions for re-use' at the
      &lt;licenceurl /&gt;, and linked-to from the SHERPA/RoMEO home
      page.</licence>
    <licenceurl>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeoreuse.html</licenceurl>
    <disclaimer>All SHERPA/RoMEO information is correct to the best of
      our knowledge but should not be relied upon for legal advice.
      SHERPA cannot be held responsible for the re-use of RoMEO data,
      or for alternative interpretations which are derived from this
      information.</disclaimer>
    <timestamp>29-Oct-2009:13:29:57</timestamp>
  </header>
  <journals>
    <journal>
      <jtitle>DNA</jtitle>
      <issn>0198-0238</issn>
      <zetocpub />
      <romeopub />
    </journal>
    <journal>
      <jtitle>DNA and Cell Biology</jtitle>
      <issn>1044-5498</issn>
      <zetocpub>Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.</zetocpub>
      <romeopub>Mary Ann Liebert</romeopub>
    </journal>
    <journal>
      <jtitle>DNA Repair -Amsterdam-</jtitle>
      <issn>1568-7864</issn>
      <zetocpub>Elsevier Science B.V., Amsterdam.</zetocpub>
      <romeopub>Elsevier</romeopub>
    </journal>
    <journal>

```

```

    <jtitle>DNA Research</jtitle>
    <issn>1340-2838</issn>
    <zetocpub>Kazusa Dna Research Institute</zetocpub>
    <romeopub />
  </journal>
</journal>
  <jtitle>DNA sequence</jtitle>
  <issn>1042-5179</issn>
  <zetocpub>Taylor & Francis</zetocpub>
  <romeopub>Taylor & Francis</romeopub>
</journal>
</journals>
  <publishers />
</romeoapi>

```

If the `<romeopub>` field for a journal is not empty, the publisher is covered by the RoMEO database, and the data can therefore be used to specify a follow-up search for the publisher (see below).

If the `<issn>` is not empty and the publisher is not in RoMEO, the journal may still be in the DOAJ database, so a follow-up search by ISSN is recommended.

The output is different if a journal title search finds a single journal. This is the layout shown in *Example 1*, which has a single record in the `<journals>` section, plus a single record in the `<publishers>` section.

Warning: If your journal title query yields a single result, you or your end-user should still check that the journal title correctly matches the one you seek.

Example 5 – Sample Result for a Single Journal found in DOAJ

If the search finds a single journal, and it comes from the DOAJ database, there is no RoMEO data for the publisher. Instead the <publisher> archiving fields are set to 'unknown' and a suitable warning is given in <conditions>. Note that a dummy <publisher id="DOAJ"> is used in this situation.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE romeoapi SYSTEM "http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd">
<romeoapi version="2.9.7">
  <header>
    <parameters>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>jtitle</parametername>
        <parametervalue>revista argentina de cardiologia</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>qtype</parametername>
        <parametervalue>starts</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>showfunder</parametername>
        <parametervalue>none</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>fidnum</parametername>
        <parametervalue>|</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
    </parameters>
    <numhits>1</numhits>
    <apicontrol>journal</apicontrol>
    <outcome>singleJournal</outcome>
    <message />
    <licence>SHERPA/RoMEO data is available for re-use under a Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share Alike 2.5 licence. For more details, please see the 'conditions for re-use' at the &lt;licenceurl /&gt;, and linked-to from the SHERPA/RoMEO home page.</licence>
    <licenceurl>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeoreuse.html</licenceurl>
    <disclaimer>All SHERPA/RoMEO information is correct to the best of our knowledge but should not be relied upon for legal advice. SHERPA cannot be held responsible for the re-use of RoMEO data, or for alternative interpretations which are derived from this information.</disclaimer>
    <timestamp>29-Oct-2009:12:38:51</timestamp>
  </header>
  <journals>
    <journal>
      <jtitle>Revista Argentina de Cardiologia</jtitle>
      <issn>0034-7000</issn>
      <zetocpub>Sociedad Argentina de Cardiología</zetocpub>
      <romeopub />
    </journal>
  </journals>
```

```

<publishers>
  <publisher id="DOAJ">
    <name>Sociedad Argentina de Cardiología</name>
    <alias />
    <homeurl>http://revista.sac.com.ar/</homeurl>
    <preprints>
      <prearchiving>unknown</prearchiving>
      <prerestrictions />
    </preprints>
    <postprints>
      <postarchiving>unknown</postarchiving>
      <postrestrictions />
    </postprints>
    <conditions>
      <condition>This publisher's policies have not been checked by RoMEO</condition>
      <condition>DOAJ says it is an open access journal, but this may only mean that it is freely available to read.</condition>
      <condition>Most open access publishers also permit self-archiving and re-use, but some do not.</condition>
      <condition>Do not assume that self-archiving is allowed, unless it is published under a &lt;a href=&quot;http://creativecommons.org/&quot; target=&quot;_blank&quot;&gt;Creative Commons&lt;/a&gt; license.</condition>
      <condition>Please contact the publisher for further information if necessary</condition>
      <condition>Email romeo@sherpa.ac.uk if you wish to suggest adding this publisher properly to RoMEO</condition>
    </conditions>
    <mandates />
    <paidaccess>
      <paidaccessurl />
      <paidaccessname />
      <paidaccessnotes />
    </paidaccess>
    <copyrightlinks>
      <copyrightlink>
        <copyrightlinktext>See the publisher/journal website</copyrightlinktext>
        <copyrightlinkurl>http://revista.sac.com.ar/</copyrightlinkurl>
      </copyrightlink>
    </copyrightlinks>
    <romeocolour>gray</romeocolour>
    <dateadded>2009-10-22 09:00:35</dateadded>
    <dateupdated>2009-10-22 09:00:35</dateupdated>
  </publisher>
</publishers>
</romeoapi>

```

Journal Follow-up Queries:

We recommend that you run follow-up queries using an ISSN wherever possible (see overleaf).

If an ISSN is not available, then provided the `<romeopub>` field is not empty, the values from a journal record can be used to get the publisher's policy details. This is equivalent to selecting one of the hits from a manual RoMEO journal search.

Parameters – which should be copied *literatim* from `jttitle` search results:

- `jttitle` – Required: the relevant journal title
- `zetocpub` – Required: Publisher's name from the ZETOC database
- `romeopub` – Required: Publisher's name from the RoMEO database
- `issn` – Optional: International Standard Serial Number

Results:

The output of a follow-up search is similar to the layout shown in *Example 1* – i.e. a single record in the `<journals>` section, plus a single record in the `<publishers>` section.

Search by Journal ISSN (International Standard Serial Number):

Parameters:

- **issn** – Required: query string(s) containing a comma-separated list of the required ISSNs. These must be alternatives for a single journal – typically the print ISSN and the corresponding electronic ISSN (or ESSN).

Each ISSN should be an identifier of two sets of four digits separated by a hyphen, although the API will tolerate a missing hyphen.

The ISSNs are searched sequentially from left to right until either a match is found, or there are no more ISSNs left to process.

Example request:

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?issn=1552-3535,0013-1245>

REST queries:

Query for a *single* ISSN can also be formulated as a REST URL:

e.g. <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29/issn/1054-2523/>

This equates to the following normal API query:

<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?issn=1054-2523>

Results:

Requests may retrieve zero or one result. If the journal is found, the publisher may or may not be known. *Example 6* shows a result where both journal and publisher are found – which is essentially the same as for a Journal Follow-up Query. *Example 7* shows an ISSN result where only the journal is known.

Example 6 – Sample Successful ISSN Query

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE romeoapi SYSTEM "http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd">
<romeoapi version="2.9.7">
  <header>
    <parameters>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>issn</parametername>
        <parametervalue>0013-1245</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>showfunder</parametername>
        <parametervalue>none</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>fIDnum</parametername>
        <parametervalue>|</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
    </parameters>
    <numhits>1</numhits>
    <apicontrol>journal</apicontrol>
    <outcome>singleJournal</outcome>
    <message />
    <licence>SHERPA/RoMEO data is available for re-use under a Creative
      Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share Alike 2.5 licence. For
      more details, please see the 'conditions for re-use' at the
      &lt;licenceurl /&gt;;, and linked-to from the SHERPA/RoMEO home
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    <licenceurl>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeoreuse.html</licenceurl>
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      our knowledge but should not be relied upon for legal advice.
      SHERPA cannot be held responsible for the re-use of RoMEO data,
      or for alternative interpretations which are derived from this
      information.</disclaimer>
    <timestamp>29-Oct-2009:13:53:35</timestamp>
  </header>
  <journals>
    <journal>
      <jtitle>Education and Urban Society</jtitle>
      <issn>0013-1245</issn>
      <zetocpub>Sage Publications Ltd</zetocpub>
      <romeopub>SAGE Publications</romeopub>
    </journal>
  </journals>
  <publishers>
    <publisher id="65">
      <name>SAGE Publications</name>
      <alias>UK and US</alias>
      <homeurl>http://www.sagepub.co.uk/</homeurl>
      <preprints>
        <prearchiving>can</prearchiving>
        <prerestrictions />
      </preprints>
    </publisher>
  </publishers>

```

```

<postprints>
  <postarchiving>restricted</postarchiving>
  <postrestrictions>
    <postrestriction>&lt;num&gt;12&lt;/num&gt;
      &lt;period units=&quot;month&quot;&gt;months&lt;/period&gt;
      embargo</postrestriction>
    </postrestrictions>
  </postprints>
<conditions>
  <condition>On author or institutional server and PubMed
    Central</condition>
  <condition>On author's personal web site</condition>
  <condition>Publisher copyright and source must be
    acknowledged</condition>
  <condition>Publisher's version/PDF cannot be used</condition>
  <condition>Post-print version with changes from referees comments
    can be used</condition>
  <condition>&quot;as published&quot; final version with layout and
    copy-editing changes cannot be archived but can be used on secure
    institutional intranet</condition>
  <condition>If funding agency rules apply, authors may use SAGE open
    to comply</condition>
</conditions>
<mandates />
<paidaccess>
  <paidaccessurl>http://www.sagepub.co.uk/sageopen.sp</paidaccessurl>
  <paidaccessname>SAGE open</paidaccessname>
  <paidaccessnotes />
</paidaccess>
<copyrightlinks>
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    <copyrightlinktext>Policy</copyrightlinktext>
    <copyrightlinkurl>
      http://www.uk.sagepub.com/authors/journal/permissions.sp
    </copyrightlinkurl>
  </copyrightlink>
</copyrightlinks>
<romeocolour>yellow</romeocolour>
<dateadded>2004-01-10 00:00:00</dateadded>
<dateupdated>2009-08-12 10:48:02</dateupdated>
</publisher>
</publishers>
</romeoapi>>

```

Example 7 – Sample ISSN Search where only the Journal is Retrieved

In cases such as this, the journal is present in the Zetoc database, but the publisher has not yet been indexed by RoMEO.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE romeoapi SYSTEM "http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd">
<romeoapi version="2.9.7">
  <header>
    <parameters>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>issn</parametername>
        <parametervalue>0004-9158</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>showfunder</parametername>
        <parametervalue>none</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>fidnum</parametername>
        <parametervalue>|</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
    </parameters>
    <numhits>1</numhits>
    <apicontrol>journal</apicontrol>
    <outcome>uniqueZetoc</outcome>
    <message />
    <licence>SHERPA/RoMEO data is available for re-use under a Creative
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      more details, please see the 'conditions for re-use' at the
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      our knowledge but should not be relied upon for legal advice.
      SHERPA cannot be held responsible for the re-use of RoMEO data,
      or for alternative interpretations which are derived from this
      information.</disclaimer>
    <timestamp>29-Oct-2009:13:59:54</timestamp>
  </header>
  <journals>
    <journal>
      <jtitle>Australian Forestry</jtitle>
      <issn>0004-9158</issn>
      <zetocpub>The Institute of Foresters of Australia Inc.</zetocpub>
    </journal>
  </journals>
  <publishers />
</romeoapi>
```

Search by RoMEO Update Date – Publisher records only

Parameters:

- **pdate** – Required inclusive update date. Dates should use the fixed length numeric yyyy-mm-dd format.

Example request:

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?pdate=2012-09-01>

Results:

Returns RoMEO publisher records added or updated on or since the specified date.

Search by Publisher's Country

Parameters:

- **all** – This parameter's value should either be an ISO 2-letter country code (e.g. 'es' for Spain), or the English name of the required continent.

Example request:

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?country=pt> - Portugal

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?country=south%20america>

Results:

Returns RoMEO publisher records for publishers based in a particular country or continent. Where a publisher has offices in several countries, it is the country of the head office that is used. "International" covers the publishing houses of intergovernmental organisations such as the United Nations and the European Union.

Continent names used by RoMEO:

A couple of continents do not have publishers in RoMEO at the time writing – e.g. Antarctica.

Africa
Antarctica
Asia
Australasia
Caribbean
Central America
Europe
North America
Oceania
South America

See the RoMEO Statistics page for a breakdown of publishers by continent and country – <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/statistics>

Special country codes:

The following 2-digit codes are used in special cases where the publisher's home country is not known or has not yet been determined. Their 'continent' is '[Unspecified]':

__ = [Not specified]
AA = [International]
ZZ = [Unknown]

Find All Publishers:

Parameters:

- **all** – Permitted value 'yes' or any non-null value - there is no default value.

Example request:

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?all=yes>

Results:

This special API request retrieves all the publishers in the database in alphabetical name order. Note that an empty <journals> section is always returned.

Search by RoMEO Colour:

Parameters:

- **colour** – Permitted values ‘green’, ‘blue’, ‘yellow’, or ‘white’.
- **showfunder** – Permitted values ‘none’ (default), ‘all’, a funder’s full name, acronym or persistent ID from the JULIET database (<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet/>), or an ISO-3166 two-letter country code (e.g. “NL”).

Example request:

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?colour=yellow>

Results:

This API request retrieves all the publishers in the database graded with the specified RoMEO colour. They are listed in alphabetical name order. Note that an empty <journals> section is always returned.

Using ak Access Keys to Bypass Access Controls

To encourage efficient usage of the API, access controls limit the number of queries that non-registered users can submit to the API to 500 per day. This is enough for most applications, although the limit may be changed in the future.

Error report when exceeding the limit of free requests

If you are not a registered RoMEO user and you exceed the maximum number of free requests, the API will return zero hits and the following error reports in the <header> section:

```
<numhits>0</numhits>
<apicontrol>pastfreelimit</apicontrol>
<outcome>pastfreelimit</outcome>
<message>You have exceeded the free use limit of 500 requests per
day. You need to register with RoMEO if you require unlimited
usage</message>
```

Error report for an Invalid Access Key

An unrecognised access key will force the query to return zero hits and the following error reports in the <header> section:

```
<numhits>0</numhits>
<apicontrol>invalidapikey</apicontrol>
<outcome>invalidapikey</outcome>
<message>Invalid API Key</message>
```

Registering for an API Access Key

For unlimited access to the RoMEO API, you can register for a free API Access Key at:

<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/apiregistry.php>

There is a presentation that explains the registration process at:

<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/RoMEO-API-Keys-2011-10-04.pdf> - PDF [1.9MB]

The access key is a case-sensitive alphanumeric string that is appended as an additional &ak= argument to API requests – e.g.:

<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?issn=1386-145X&ak=lq83AlL5bss>

The advantages of registering for an API Key are:

- Registered applications can exceed the daily request limit.
- Registered users receive advance notice of planned changes to the API.
- API usage statistics for the key are available on request.

API Key good practice:

- You can have more than one API Key. In fact we recommend having one API Key per application, because this enables us to provide better support in case of difficulty.
- You must not share your API Key with other people outside of your organisation.
- If you are a software supplier or an authors of open source code:
 - Ensure that you specify the API Key in a setting variable module.
 - Provide a non-functioning dummy API Key as an example.
 - Tell customers and users to get and add their own API Keys.
- We may withdraw a particular API Key if it is used inappropriately.

Using 1a to return Data in Non-English Languages:

The optional 1a parameter can be added to any API request in order to return information in a language other than English. Data is returned in the chosen language wherever possible. At any one time there are a few phrases that have not yet been translated, so these are returned in English.

Parameter:

- **1a** – Optional: 2-letter language code (ISO 639-1) to return data in a language other than English. The currently supported languages are:
 - &1a=en – English (default)
 - &1a=de – German
 - &1a=es – Spanish
 - &1a=hu – Hungarian
 - &1a=pt – Portuguese

Example request:

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?pub=porto&1a=pt>

Results:

If compliance information is available for the specified funder(s) in RoMEO, blocks of XML such as the following are included in the API output.

```
<conditions>
  <condition>Por favor, veja as políticas anteriores da John Wiley
  & Sons e da Blackwell Publishing para artigos publicados antes
  de Fevereiro de 2007</condition>
  <condition>Os direitos de auto-arquivo variam entre as revistas,
  por favor consulte as políticas de cada revista antes de
  depositar</condition>
  <condition>No sítio Web do autor, repositório/sítio Web da
  organização e em servidores temáticos públicos</condition>
  <condition>A versão/PDF do editor não pode ser
  utilizada</condition>
  <condition>Tem de ser mencionada a fonte publicada com
  citação</condition>
  <condition>Tem de ser feita uma ligação para a versão do editor com
  a seguinte frase: [The definitive version is available at
  www3.interscience.wiley.com] [A versão definitiva está disponível
  em www3.interscience.wiley.com]</condition>
</conditions>
```

Using showfunder to get Mandate Compliance Data:

The `showfunder` parameter can be added to any API request in order to return information on the publisher's compliance with a particular research funding agency's open access mandate, or for all funders, or funders from a particular country, or no funders at all.

Parameter:

- **showfunder** – Optional: Funder(s) for which data is to be displayed. Permitted values:
 - `none` (default) – Suppress all funder information
 - `all` – Show all available information on funder mandate compliance
 - Funder's *full* name from the JULIET list (<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet/>). Case insensitive. Keywords or partial names cannot be used.
E.g. "Wellcome Trust".
 - Funder's acronym from the JULIET database. Case insensitive.
Beware: acronyms may not be unique – e.g. ARC = Arthritis Research Campaign *or* Australian Research Council.
 - Funder's persistent ID from the JULIET database. These can be obtained from the funder's JULIET URL, either from JULIET itself or from RoMEO API output (see example result below).
 - An ISO-3166 two-letter country code (e.g. "AU" for Australia)..

Example request:

e.g.: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29.php?pub=cell%20press&showfunder=NIH>

Results:

If compliance information is available for the specified funder(s) in RoMEO, blocks of XML such as the following are included in the API output.

```
<mandates>
  <mandate>
    <funder>
      <fundername>National Institutes of Health</fundername>
      <funderacronym>NIH</funderacronym>
      <julieturl>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet/index.php
        ?fPersistentID=9</julieturl>
    </funder>
    <publishercomplies>yes</publishercomplies>
    <compliance>Compliant - see conditions</compliance>
    <selectedtitles />
  </mandate>
</mandates>
```

Please note that if the funder has multiple names and/or acronyms for different languages, the API only returns the first, as listed in JULIET.

The `<compliance>` field indicates the way in which the publisher does or does not comply with the funder's mandate using set phrases. Further explanation of these phrases is given in *Appendix C*.

Unsuccessful Requests

If the required journal title or publisher is not present in the database, output similar to *Example 8* will be returned

Example 8 – Sample Output from the API for an Unsuccessful Request

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE romeoapi SYSTEM "http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd">
<romeoapi version="2.9.7">
  <header>
    <parameters>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>jtitle</parametername>
        <parametervalue>recycling journal</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>qtype</parametername>
        <parametervalue>starts</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>showfunder</parametername>
        <parametervalue>none</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>fIDnum</parametername>
        <parametervalue>|</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
    </parameters>
    <numhits>0</numhits>
    <apicontrol>journal</apicontrol>
    <outcome>notFound</outcome>
    <message />
    <licence>SHERPA/RoMEO data is available for re-use under a Creative
      Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share Alike 2.5 licence. For
      more details, please see the 'conditions for re-use' at the
      &lt;licenceurl /&gt;;, and linked-to from the SHERPA/RoMEO home
      page.</licence>
    <licenceurl>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeoreuse.html</licenceurl>
    <disclaimer>All SHERPA/RoMEO information is correct to the best of
      our knowledge but should not be relied upon for legal advice.
      SHERPA cannot be held responsible for the re-use of RoMEO data,
      or for alternative interpretations which are derived from this
      information.</disclaimer>
    <timestamp>29-Oct-2009:14:04:21</timestamp>
  </header>
  <journals />
  <publishers />
</romeoapi>
```

The key things to note for unsuccessful requests are:

- <numhits> is set to zero
- <outcome> is set to notFound.
- Both the <journals> and <publishers> sections are empty.

Invalid Requests

When a request is made to the API, the parameters are checked for certain simple errors. If an error is detected, the query is not run and the output returns diagnostic information, as in *Examples 9 & 10*. The important things to note are:

- `<numhits>` is empty – whereas a valid unsuccessful query would return zero.
- `<apicontrol>` is set to `invalid`
- `<outcome>` is set to `failed`
- `<message>` describes the error that has been detected.
- The `<journals>` and `<publishers>` sections are empty.

Example 9 – Sample Output from the API for an Invalid Request – No Parameters

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE romeoapi SYSTEM "http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd">
<romeoapi version="2.9.7">
  <header>
    <parameters>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>showfunder</parametername>
        <parametervalue>none</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>fIDnum</parametername>
        <parametervalue>|</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
    </parameters>
    <numhits />
    <apicontrol>invalid</apicontrol>
    <outcome>failed</outcome>
    <message>Failed. No query parameters provided. Nothing entered,
      nothing gained.</message>
    <licence>SHERPA/RoMEO data is available for re-use under a Creative
      Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share Alike 2.5 licence. For
      more details, please see the 'conditions for re-use' at the
      &lt;licenceurl /&gt;, and linked-to from the SHERPA/RoMEO home
      page.</licence>
    <licenceurl>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeoreuse.html</licenceurl>
    <disclaimer>All SHERPA/RoMEO information is correct to the best of
      our knowledge but should not be relied upon for legal advice.
      SHERPA cannot be held responsible for the re-use of RoMEO data,
      or for alternative interpretations which are derived from this
      information.</disclaimer>
    <timestamp>29-Oct-2009:14:06:41</timestamp>
  </header>
  <journals />
  <publishers />
</romeoapi>
```

Example 10 – Sample Output from the API for an Invalid Request – Wrong Parameter

```

<<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE romeoapi SYSTEM "http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/romeoapi293.dtd">
<romeoapi version="2.9.7">
  <header>
    <parameters>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>jtitle</parametername>
        <parametervalue>zoos zoology</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="specified">
        <parametername>qtype</parametername>
        <parametervalue>any</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>showfunder</parametername>
        <parametervalue>none</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
      <parameter source="default">
        <parametername>fidnum</parametername>
        <parametervalue>|</parametervalue>
      </parameter>
    </parameters>
    <numhits />
    <apicontrol>invalid</apicontrol>
    <outcome>failed</outcome>
    <message>Query type 'ANY' unrecognised for journal title
      searches</message>
    <licence>SHERPA/RoMEO data is available for re-use under a Creative
      Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share Alike 2.5 licence. For
      more details, please see the 'conditions for re-use' at the
      &lt;licenceurl /&gt;;, and linked-to from the SHERPA/RoMEO home
      page.</licence>
    <licenceurl>http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeoreuse.html</licenceurl>
    <disclaimer>All SHERPA/RoMEO information is correct to the best of
      our knowledge but should not be relied upon for legal advice.
      SHERPA cannot be held responsible for the re-use of RoMEO data,
      or for alternative interpretations which are derived from this
      information.</disclaimer>
    <timestamp>03-Oct-2009:15:08:32</timestamp>
  </header>
  <journals />
  <publishers />
</romeoapi>>

```

We do not claim the error checks to be comprehensive. You may also get unexpected results if you fail to give a value for a parameter.

Conditions of Use

The information that we provide through the SHERPA/RoMEO API is given freely to interested parties for their re-use, although the following conditions apply:

- The information provided by the RoMEO service is not for commercial re-use.
- It would be appreciated if the following logo could be incorporated somewhere on a relevant public page which uses RoMEO information and made an active link to the following page: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>



There are several different sizes of logo available: wherever possible, please include the logo on the page where the information is presented.

- The SHERPA/RoMEO logo is available in various sizes, and can be downloaded from: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/images/romeologos.html>

Wherever possible, please include the logo on the page where the information is presented.

- If the RoMEO information is re-interpreted or modified, then we ask for the following text to be used in addition to the logo in an appropriate place:

"This information is derived from the SHERPA/RoMEO database and has been modified for use here."

Technical Constraints and Future Versions

Version 2.9 of the API suffers the same constraints as the manual RoMEO – notably the 50-title Limit for Journal Searches. We may be able to remove these constraints and/or add further features in a future release of the API.

The RoMEO API is being redeveloped. This is expected to introduce new functionality, radically different output schemas, and alternative formats such as JSON. Planned improvements include:

- Change to the terminology to recommended by the VIF project (similar to NISO recommendations). Thus 'preprint' and 'postprint' would be replaced by 'submitted version' and 'accepted version' respectively.
- Increased standardisation of RoMEO phrases. This will facilitate the generation of non-English language versions of RoMEO.

Feedback

We seek opinions and feedback on the API. Please send feedback to Peter Millington (romeo@sherpa.ac.uk), tel. +44 (0) 115 846 8481.

Appendix A – romeoapi293.dtd

```

<!ELEMENT romeoapi (header,journals,publishers)>
<!ATTLIST romeoapi version CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT header (parameters*,numhits,apicontrol,outcome,
message*,licence,licenceurl,disclaimer,
timestamp)>
<!ELEMENT parameters (parameter*)>
<!ELEMENT parameter (parametername?,parametervalue?)>
<!ATTLIST parameter source CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT parametername (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT parametervalue (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT numhits (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT apicontrol (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT outcome (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT message (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT licence (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT licenceurl (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT disclaimer (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT timestamp (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT journals (journal*)>
<!ELEMENT journal (jtitle,issn?,zetocpub?,romeopub?)>
<!ELEMENT jtitle (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT issn (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT zetocpub (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT romeopub (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT publishers (publisher*)>
<!ELEMENT publisher (name,alias?,homeurl,preprints,postprints,
pdfversion,conditions,mandates,paidaccess,
copyrightlinks,romeocolour,
dateadded?,dateupdated?)>
<!ATTLIST publisher id CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ATTLIST publisher status CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST publisher parentid CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT alias (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT homeurl (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT preprints (prearchiving,prerestrictions*)>
<!ELEMENT prearchiving (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT prerestrictions (prerestriction*)>
<!ELEMENT prerestriction (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT postprints (postarchiving,postrestrictions*)>
<!ELEMENT postarchiving (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT postrestrictions (postrestriction*)>
<!ELEMENT postrestriction (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT pdfversion (pdfarchiving,pdfrestrictions*)>
<!ELEMENT pdfarchiving (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT pdfrestrictions (pdfrestriction*)>
<!ELEMENT pdfrestriction (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT conditions (condition*)>
<!ELEMENT condition (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT mandates (mandate*)>
<!ELEMENT mandate (funder,publishercomplies,compliancetype,
selectedtitles*)>
<!ELEMENT funder (fundername,funderacronym?,julieturl)>
<!ELEMENT fundername (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT funderacronym (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT julieturl (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT publishercomplies (#PCDATA)>

```



```
<!ELEMENT compliancetype      (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT selectedtitles      (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT paidaccess           (paidaccessurl?,paidaccessname?,
                                paidaccessnotes?)>
<!ELEMENT paidaccessurl       (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT paidaccessname      (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT paidaccessnotes     (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT copyrightlinks      (copyrightlink*)>
<!ELEMENT copyrightlink       (copyrightlinktext,copyrightlinkurl)>
<!ELEMENT copyrightlinktext   (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT copyrightlinkurl    (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT romeocolour         (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT dateadded           (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT dateupdated         (#PCDATA)>
```

Appendix B – <prearchiving>, <postarchiving> and <pdfarchiving> values

<prearchiving> - Pre-prints

<i>Value</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>RoMEO Text</i>
can	✓	Author can archive pre-print (ie pre-refereeing)
cannot	✗	Author cannot archive pre-print (ie pre-refereeing)
restricted	⚡	Subject to Restrictions below , author can archive pre-print (ie pre-refereeing)
unclear	?	Archiving status unclear
unknown	—	No information

<postarchiving> - Post-prints

<i>Value</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>RoMEO Text</i>
can	✓	Author can archive post-print (ie final draft post-refereeing)
cannot	✗	Author cannot archive post-print (ie final draft post-refereeing)
restricted	⚡	Subject to Restrictions below , author can archive post-print (ie final draft post-refereeing)
unclear	?	Archiving status unclear
unknown	—	No information

<pdfarchiving> - Publisher's version/PDF

<i>Value</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>RoMEO Text</i>
can	✓	Author can archive the publisher's version/PDF
cannot	✗	Author cannot archive the publisher's version/PDF
restricted	⚡	Subject to Restrictions below , author can archive the publisher's version/PDF
unclear	?	Archiving status unclear
unknown	—	No information

Appendix C – Mandate Compliance Phrases

Compliant

Compliant – Free Open Access

Compliant Fully compliant with the mandate at no cost

Compliant - see conditions Conditionally compliant with the mandate at no cost

Is open access This is a publisher of open access journals

Compliant – Paid Open Access

Paid OA option Compliant only if the publisher's paid open access option is used. The <selectedtitles> field shows if this is for selected titles only.

Non-compliant

Non-compliant Non-compliant with the mandate

Unacceptable embargo Non-compliant because the publisher's embargo period is longer than the maximum specified in the mandate

Publisher's position unclear

Under discussion The funder is negotiating compliance with the publisher

Uncertain Publisher's policies insufficiently clear to tell if they comply with the funder's mandate

Not applicable

Not stated

Appendix D – Change History

This appendix lists the main changes to the RoMEO API since Version 1.1. Versions 1.2, 2.0, 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 were never officially announced, although some

- V.1.2 – Added:
 - Journal search by ISSN (print only).
 - Returned data on paid open access options - `<paidaccess>`.
- V.2.0 – This version introduced a completely new program, querying database tables directly, rather than running and screen-scraping normal RoMEO queries, which is what the earlier versions had done.
 - URL format changed – `http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api20.php`
 - Faster performance and longer timeout.
 - Returned data on compliance with research funding agencies open access mandates - `<mandates>`.
 - `<copyright>` block renamed to `<copyrightlinks>` and its content restructured.
- V.2.1 – Explicit Creative Commons licence and disclaimer added to the `<header>` block of the returned XML.
- V.2.2 – `&showfunder=` parameter added to suppress mandate compliance information, or restrict it to a specific funding agency (default: all funders).
- V.2.3 – Amended:
 - `&showfunder` defaults to “none” for `&colour=` and `&all=` requests
 - Parameters in the `<parameters>` block appropriately flagged as “specified” or “default”.
 - `'Content-type: text/plain'` changed to `'Content-type: text/xml'`.
- V.2.4 – Amended:
 - ISSN requests accept a comma-separated list of ISSNs *for one journal* – typically print & electronic ISSNs – processed sequentially until a match is found.
 - Default `&showfunder=` changed to “none” for all query types.

- V.2.4.2
 - Expanded journal coverage, through addition of the *DOAJ* and *Entrez* databases. For results from *DOAJ*, `<prearchiving>` and `<postarchiving>` both return unknown (which is a new value indicating 'no information'), and `<conditions>` give cautionary advice on archiving from open access journals.
 - Journal title searches accommodate abbreviations – expanded using the NCBI's *Entrez* database.
 - ISSN queries now handle Electronic ISSNs (ESSNs) as well as Print ISSNs
 - A two-letter ISO-3166 country code can be used in `&showfunder=` to return data for all funders registered in JULIET for the country - `&showfunder=DE` for German funders.
 - `<outcome>` returns the value `excessJournals` if there were more than 50 titles in the original results set.
 - Two new fields have been added to the end of RoMEO publisher data: `<dateadded>` and `<dateupdated>`.
- V.2.8
 - Journal searches are run against the RoMEO Journals database in addition to the original *Zetoc*, *DOAJ* and *Entrez* databases. This provides coverage of more journals, and more accurate identification of copyright holders.
 - The default `&qtype=` for journal title searches was changed to `exact` for more efficient searching. (The former default - `starts` - is less efficient and likely to find multiple titles.)
 - A new optional `&la=` parameter returns data in languages other than English.
 - A new optional `&versions=all` parameter allows to return data that includes information for the publisher's version/PDF.
 - New access controls limit the number of API queries that non-registered users can make to 500 per day. This limit may change. Registered users have unlimited access.
- V.2.9
 - A new query option `?pdate=` allows you to search for all RoMEO publisher records updated on or since the specified date.
 - A new query option `?country=` allows you to search for RoMEO publisher from a particular country or continent, using the ISO 2-letter country code or the English name of the continent.
 - RoMEO now includes provisional records for certain publishers. These are flagged by a new XML attribute `status` – e.g. `<publisher id="724" status="provisional">`
 - RoMEO now includes policy exceptions for certain publishers. These have their own persistent IDs, but an additional XML attribute `parentid` gives the persistent ID of the parent publisher record – e.g. `<publisher id="1123" parentid="51">`
 - True REST query URLs implemented for journal ISSN and RoMEO publisher IDs – e.g. <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/api29/issn/1035-8811/>.

- V.2.9.7
 - With the closure of all versions of the API before V.2.9, the `&versions=` parameter is no longer necessary. It is now ignored when specified.
 - The former `&versions=legacy` option is no longer available. The output schema now always returns data for three article versions – Pre-prints (author's submitted version), Post-prints (author's accepted version), and Publisher's version/PDF. This corresponds the