Slovenian national strategy of open access and its impact on scientific publishing of Primorska University researchers’

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FACTS

- The right transition to electronic publishing was only offered by open access.
- In 2015 Slovenia accepted the document National strategy of open access to scientific publications and research data in Slovenia 2015-2020 (NS).
- NS determines that each beneficiary has to ensure open access to all peer-reviewed scientific publications that refer to the results from the nationally funded research in the period from 2015 until 2020.
- Main goals of NS are: 80% of scientific publications from nationally funded research, published in 2017, will be openly accessible in 2018 and all scientific publications from nationally funded research (100%), published in 2020, will be openly accessible in 2021.

RESEARCH

We sent the questionnaire on open access to scientific publishing to all researchers at the Primorska University, to examine the vision and goals that were adopted with the national strategy. The data collection took place from 3rd May to 4th June 2017. Response rate was 60.8%.

RESULTS

Are you aware of the OA initiative?

- Yes: 67%
- No: 33%

Are you aware of National strategy of OA?

- Yes: 80%
- No: 20%

Have you ever published a paper in an OA?

- Yes: 41%
- No: 31%
- I have not had the opportunity yet: 29%

In what form did you publish your work in OA?

- Green OA: 53%
- Gold OA: 33%
- Hybrid way: 20%

CONCLUSIONS

In 2018 goals of National strategy will not be achieved.

Reasons for failure to achieve goals are probably doubts about open access journals:

- still distrust to publish in open access journals (experience with predatory journals),
- paying to publish – led to a distortion of the peer review process (presumption of a lower quality),
- traditional publishers ripping off the research community.