

With reference to the European Union study on scientific publishing, here follows some comments by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome Italy.

The Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), the Italian National Institute of Health, and the leading Italian research centre in the field of public health, producing about 1600 papers per year (including journal articles, conference papers, books and reports) has recently signed the Berlin Declaration and, through its Publishing Unit, firmly supports all initiatives promoting Open access. As a first step, the Institute is going to define an internal policy mandating its researchers to post their publications in the institutional repository presently under development. In this framework, the ISS most welcomes the European Study pointing out the basic issues at stake in the evolving publishing models. Therefore, the Institute has a deep interest in further actions taken at European level in order to set up a common European policy in favour of open access to publicly funded research.

We thank you for consideration and wish you all the best for further initiatives to be taken in favor of Open Access.

Kind regards

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