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Open Access: From Myth to Paradox

Abstract

True open access to scientific publications not only gives readers the possibility to read articles without paying subscription, but also makes the material available for automated ingestion and harvesting by 3rd parties.

Once articles and associated data become universally treatable as computable objects, openly available to 3rd party aggregators and value-added services, what new services can we expect, and how will they change the way that researchers interact with their scholarly communications infrastructure?

Paul Ginsparg will discuss straightforward applications of existing ideas and services, including citation analysis, collaborative filtering, external database linkages, interoperability, and other forms of automated markup, and speculate on the sociology of the next generation of users.

Practical information

For the talk in Geneva at CERN, external guests should be at the Reception of CERN, building 33, at 15:15 to be guided to the conference room. You should register to attend by contacting Susanne Schaefer: susanne.schaefer@cern.ch or by telephone at 022 767 24 31.