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Institutional Policy of Moldova State University on Open Access to Information

The Senate of Moldova State University proposes for approval the policy on Open Access to Information, as follows:

Moldova State University recognizes the strategic importance of *Open Access to Information* and commits itself to disseminate the results of scientific activity and make them known as widely as possible.

Open Access to Information represents free, permanent and unrestricted online access to documents, which enables to view, download, distribute and create derivative works in any environment, accomplished in a proper, adequate form and within the legal framework.

Electronic publication of research results offers the opportunity to share ideas and knowledge freely with the scientific community and the general public. Removing access barriers to scientific publications written for Moldova State University journals will lay the foundation for an effective scientific communication and will foster both the visibility and the impact of the research activity.

In the long term, the University aims to increase the quality and performance indicators in scientific research. In this respect, *Open Access to Information* can significantly contribute to promoting scientific and technological performance results, innovative research targeted to increasing the visibility and recognition of their importance both at national and international levels.

Objectives:

1. To ensure the management and long-term preservation of digital scientific works provided by the scholarly community.
2. To ensure wide access to the scientific works provided by the scholarly community.

Strategies:

1. Achieving Open Access to scientific publications through two complementary methods: self-archiving in the Moldova State University Institutional Repositories and registering of Moldova State University scientific journals in the DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) International Register.
2. Creating and developing the Institutional Repository of Moldova State University (IR MSU) which will include scientific and didactic publications of MSU: scientific articles, PhD theses, reviews by the author, conference materials, monographs, text books, etc.
3. Granting permission represents a nonexclusive, irrevocable license on behalf of the authors, and exercises all rights under copyright; it allows Open Access distribution of published documents on condition that they are not used to make profit.

4. Authors of scientific publications, which were drafted based on research projects, fully or partially state funded, financed by MSU or from grants, are required to submit the final version of the work in open access to the IR MSU.
5. Authors shall submit the scientific or teaching materials to IR MSU during their activity at Moldova State University.
6. Authors are encouraged to publish their articles in journals that support Open access to information.
7. Authors shall submit bibliographical references and the annotation of the article to the IR MSU if publishers impose certain copyright restrictions.
8. If the publication is to be marketed, the authors shall negotiate with publishers (when signing copyright agreements) placing the work in open access after an embargo period.
9. Teaching staff and researchers are encouraged to post the works that were published before the approval of MSU Institutional Policy on Open Access.
10. Researchers, teaching staff, librarians and other interested persons are encouraged to support Open Access to Information and publish articles and scientific works in Open Access journals as well as in the IR MSU.
11. The Research and Innovation Institute shall monitor compliance of the Policy with the authors' interests.
12. Moldova State University appoints the Central Library as coordinator and chief executive in creating and developing the Institutional Repository. The Library shall draft an annual report to the Senate.
13. Moldova State University Institutional Policy on Open Access to information shall be in the form of institutional mandate in ROARMAP Registry (Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies), which authorizes Open Access to scientific findings from public funds. The Institutional repository shall be recorded in the Registry of Open Access Repositories (ROAR).
14. Moldova State University Institutional policy shall come into effect from the date of approval and shall be reviewed if necessary.