Open Access: a free lunch?

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Open Access for the academic community

- Free access to intellectual output
- Really a free lunch?

- What have we seen?
- What are the challenges to installing OA?
- How will the aggregators react?
- Future trends

What have we seen?

- Increase in OA
- Demands on commercial providers

"The Internet – and pressure from funding agencies, who are questioning why commercial publishers are making money from government funded research by restricting access to it – is making free access to scientific results a reality"

"The Paperless Library" September 22nd, 2005
www.economist.com/science/story_ID=4423646

- Expected Impact?
- Our question ….

- OA is here ..... must react to it and with it.
- Challenges?
- More information
- Finding, Publishing, Distributing

Challenges to finding

- Content to publish
- Enthusiasm
- PQDT

Challenges to publishing

- Costs
- Google

Challenges to dissemination

- IRs
- Linking technologies

PQ's reactions to OA

- Innovation in Industry is constant
- Variety of needs

What value do we add?

– Fast delivery of products to market.

– A long term track record of delivering quality products.

– Market specialists – we are close to market; we listen to it; we are advised by it; we "create profit by delivering value".

– Needs based "solutions".

– Specific service elements addressing the wide range of information and research needs of a wider range of user types

Future areas to look at

- Adding OA collections
- A&I metadata
- Technology and Linking
- Closer customer partnerships

View of OA going forward

- OA models are still evolving

- Viable options?

- Free lunch