



Monthly Newsletter

May 2015

News from SPARC

SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) has announced several initiatives and news items. These are:

- *Don't Think Open Access Is Important? It Might Have Prevented Much Of The Ebola Outbreak:* www.techdirt.com/articles/20150409/17514230608/dont-think-open-access-is-important-it-might-have-prevented-much-ebola-outbreak.shtml
- *Next Up for Agency Public Access Plans: NOAA:* <http://sparc.arl.org/blog/next-agency-public-access-plans-noaa>
- *OA Fund Five Year Review:* www.sparc.arl.org/resource/oa-fund-five-year-review

SPARC Weekly

To read more news about Open Access and repositories, please see SPARC's weekly newsletter online at: http://paper.li/SPARC_NA/1334596809

DOAJ is Looking for Volunteers

Are you interested in Open Access? Do you want to help spread the word about it? If so, here is a great opportunity!

The DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) is looking for volunteer editors to assist in processing journal applications.

For more information, please see: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0fPCpIPjZlmR1U4dkj6LWV2Mjg&authuser=>

Open Repositories 2015 Conference

The Open Repositories 2015 Conference will be held on June 8—11th in Indianapolis. Kaitlin Thaney of Mozilla Science Lab and Anurag Acharya of Google Scholar will be keynoting. For more information, please see: www.or2015.net/

The DOAJ Makes Presentation Available

On May 4th, the DOAJ made its presentation entitled "The State of Open Access: Ensuring Quality" available on Slideshare.

The presentation was originally made to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration's Office of Science & Engineering Laboratories. It discusses DOAJ's efforts in promising quality open access publishing. Please see: www.slideshare.net/doaj/the-state-of-open-access-in-usa-ensuring-quality

Open Access Button

The Open Access Button is an app that assists people in finding Open Access resources. It is created by students in the UK who know how "the impact of paywalls" can affect research and other scholastic endeavors (1).

For more information, please see: (1) <http://elevator.jisc.ac.uk/e/2-startup-projects/idea/open-access-button>