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Context

Open Access to research results is the free, without restriction, of scientific information on the Internet and is part of Government's commitment of the Republic of Moldova on transparency and open data.

The digital era offers the academic community a variety of opportunities for electronic dissemination of research results, including Open Access. It provides free online access to knowledge and reuse in the form of publications, scientific data and related materials.

"Alecu Russo" Bălți State University (hereinafter USARB) recognizes the strategic importance of Open Access to Information for the dissemination of scientific knowledge in the spirit promoted by the the Budapest Open Access Initiative(2002); Bethesda Statement on Open Access to Publishing (2003); Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities (2003); Code on Science and Innovation of the Republic of Moldova (2004); Mandatory principles on Open access to publicly funded research results.Mandatory principles on public access to research results funded by the European Research Council (2008); The European Commission's flagship project in the Framework Program for Research (FP7) (2008 );Commission Recommendation (EU) of 25 April 2018 on access to and the maintenance of scientific information.

Definitions

**Open Access (OA)** is an online access to scientific information without financial, legal, or technical barriers to the end-user.

**Gold Open Access** reffers to publish journals in open-access or choosing an open access option in hybrid journals. The publication is available on the magazine's website without a subscription fee. In hybrid magazines, the author or institution generally pays an Article Processing Charge (APC) or pays the publisher an open access fee to make an item available in open access.

**Green Open Access** reffers to publishing in traditional or electronic magazines and storage or self-archiving by a researcher of a copy (usually post-print version) in an institutional or thematic repository (archive with open access) after an embargo period but not exceeding a certain period (at most 6-12 months after publication).

Open Access - USARB Attitude

Electronic publication of research results provides the opportunity to share ideas and
knowledge freely with the scientific community and the general public. Scientific information is a vital element for the scientific and research process. Removing barriers to access to scientific publications made within the USARB sets the foundation for effective scientific communication, enriches education and provides greater and measurable visibility of research activity.

As a global global movement, Open Access (OA) supports free movement, open without any financial, legal or technical barriers to information and ideas. Through Open Access, free, immediate, online access to the results of scientific research is ensured, as well as the right to use and reuse these results.

Thus, the OA guarantees the transformation of the communication mode of scientific results.

The only restriction on use is copyright compliance, so reproduction and the distribution of published materials in AD will provide authors with control over the integrity of their work and the right to be appropriately recognized and quoted.

Open Access aims to benefit from international information content and ensure the creation and distribution of local content. USARB is interested in promoting a new paradigm of AD to provide more benefits to science and society. The publications of researchers from Alecu Russo Balti State University, Republic of Moldova, will have greater visibility, greater impact in the national and world scientific community, will increase the rating of the institution worldwide. Open Access will improve the dissemination of research results within the USARB.

**Objectives:**

By implementing the USARB Policy on Open Access to Information, the administration, dissemination and long-term conservation of the scientific and teaching work of the members of the academic community will be supported. Ensuring the widest possible access to the academic science product.

**Ensure access**

"Alecu Russo" Balti,State University , taking into account the provisions of the Law of the Republic of Moldova no. 982 of 11 May 2000 on access to information, Recommendation 2011/71 I / EU of 27 October 2011 adopted by the European
Commission, Commission Recommendation (EU) of 25 April 2018 on access to and the retention of scientific information on digitization and online accessibility of cultural material and digital preservation, shall undertake to disseminate the results of research financed from public funds and projects based on the principles of Open Access, to encourage researchers to show their support for Open Access publishing articles in open access journals, to make available to the public access to the Open Research Archive (ORA) USARB: scientific papers: monographs, doctoral thesis, materials of scientific sessions, didactic and methodical works etc., in order to increase the national and international scientific visibility of the local academic community.

By USARB OA Policy:

- Encourages researchers - project winners and grants to publish their works in accordance with the principles of Open Access paradigm;
- Develop methods and ways of assessing the contribution to Open Access in order to maintain quality standards.

Monitoring

The Department for Science and International Relations will supervise and implement the USARB Policy on Open Access to Information:

1. Implementation of Open Access to scientific publications through two complementary models: self-archiving / archiving in the USARB Open Research Archive (ORA) and publication in Open Access journals, registered in the DOAJ Directory of Open Access Journals.
2. Creation and development of the institutional repository, containing the most representative papers in all scientific-didactic fields: scientific articles, monographs or chapters in monographs, doctoral theses, conferences proceedings, teaching materials, reports, presentations etc.
3. The USARB mandates the Scientific Library as the coordinator and executor of the Institutional Repository- ORA USARB management and the placement of the open-access scientific-didactic product.
4. Policy provides that all scientific publications produced on the basis of state-funded research projects and grants, be included in the Institutional Repository ORA -
USARB at the time of publication or in the case of an embargo, no later than 6-12 months after publication.

5. Based on the Authorization Declaration, the author agrees to the distribution in the Open Access of the published materials on condition that they are not used in order to obtain profit. The rights granted to SL USARB represent an irrevocable license under copyright.

6. Works completed with full or partial support of the USARB and published in the University Editorial Center are fully published in the ORA USARB.

7. To ensure the quality of publications, peer review is recommended.

8. Prior to submitting the work to the USARB Printing House, the authors request the CIP (cataloging before publishing) from the CNC (National Camera of the Book) through the Scientific Library.

9. The authors submit the integral electronic format of the paper, especially the materials of the scientific conferences, in order to classify each article in accordance with the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) to facilitate the organization and retrieval of the information.

10. Authors are encouraged to publish in publishing houses that allow the Institutional Repository (IR) ORA USARB with open access.

11. The authors are required to submit to the Bibliographic Research Information section, bibliographical references and the abstract of the work if the publishing house where the work appeared does not allow its publication in the IR.

12. Researchers from all university subdivisions (chairs, laboratories, scientific centers, scientific library) and other people are encouraged on time and effectively promote open access publishing.

13. Responsible for the realization and promotion of this policy, settling disputes regarding its interpretation and application, making changes based on stakeholders' recommendations are the Vice-Rector for Scientific Activity and the Director of the Scientific Library.

14. The USARB Policy on Open Access to Information will be re-registered in the form of an institutional mandate in the ROARMAP (Registry of Open Access Repository Mandatory Archiving Policies) authorizing open access to the results of scientific research made from public funds. The USARB institutional repository is registered
in the Register of Open Access Archives (ROAR), the Directory of Open Access Repositories (DURA Space), the Directory of Open Access Repositories.

15. The Scientific Library will ensure the functioning of the Institutional Repository ORA-USARB and will produce an annual report to the Senate.

16. Policy has immediate effect, enters into force from the date of approval, and will be reviewed in entirety just once every three years.

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