

# **OSI and eIFL's Work to Spread Open Access in Developing Countries**



International Seminar Open Access for Developing Countries  
Salvador-Bahia, Brazil  
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# Overview of presentation

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- Background on OSI & BOAI
- Introduction to Open Access
- eIFL Open Access Program

# Open Society Institute

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- ❑ Private, grant-making foundation funded by George Soros which aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal, and social reform
- ❑ Network of national foundations in 67 countries.

# OSI's Information Program

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- eIFL
- ICT Toolsets
- Intellectual Property and Knowledge Governance
- Internet & Information Policy
- Open Access Project
- Open Source
- Technology Support for Civil Society

# Driving force behind open access – Dissatisfaction at all levels

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- Authors: their work is not seen by all their peers – do not receive the recognition they deserve
- Readers: cannot view all research literature they need – less effective
- Libraries: cannot satisfy information needs of their users

# Background of the BOAI

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December 2001, Budapest: OSI held a meeting of leaders exploring alternative publishing models. Concluded that “open access” was the goal and agreed on two main strategies for achieving it:

1. open access journals
2. self-archiving/institutional repositories

# Definition of open access

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In using the term 'open access', we mean the free availability of peer-reviewed literature on the public internet, permitting any user to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of the articles.

# OSI's Open Access Project

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- Builds upon principles outlined in BOAI and aims to assist the international effort to make research articles in all academic fields freely available online.

# OSI's Open Access Project

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- Projects supported:
  - tools (DOAJ, DOAR)
  - guides (Guide to Open Access Publishing and Scholarly Societies, IR Software)
  - Advocacy (Open Access News, SPARC)
  - Research (Economics of OA)
  - Conferences (OAI4)
  - eIFL OA Program

# Grants' announcement

Bioline International Official Site (site up-dated regularly) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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### BIOLINE INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES OSI SUPPORT TO EXTEND ITS WORK WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

#### CALL FOR SUBMISSION

Bioline International (BI <http://www.bioline.org.br>) is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant of US\$30,000 from the Open Society Institute's Open Access Project. The grant will support the incorporation of ten additional bioscience and health journals published in developing countries into the BI system.

It is now well recognized that scientific publishers from developing countries have difficulties raising the visibility of their journal publications, due to various financial and technical constraints. However, publishers increasingly understand the great value of open access as a way to incorporate local research into the mainstream knowledge base. Already, over 40 peer-reviewed journals are collaborating with BI, and for many publications, document downloads have increased by ten-fold as a result. In addition, one of the journals on the system reports a substantial increase in submission rates and a three-fold increase in citation impact over a three year period. Several publishers also report that the number of international authors submitting manuscripts to their journals has been steadily increasing, indicating that researchers now recognize and value the increased visibility and impact provided by open access.

Journals publishers interested in providing open access to their publications should make contact with BI and submit the **attached form**, giving information about their journal(s).

The applications will be considered by a panel consisting of members from Bioline International and OSI.

BI is a South/North (Brazil, Canada) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the transformation of essential research information to OAI compliant format and providing an Internet platform for the free and open distribution of information that currently is largely "invisible" to the

Internet

# Additional Information

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Budapest Open Access Initiative website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.soros.org/openaccess/>. The website has a green header with the title "Budapest Open Access Initiative" and language options for German, French, and Russian. A left sidebar contains a list of navigation links. The main content area features a title, a detailed introductory paragraph, a list of three key dates with "Learn More" links, a box stating that 4144 signatures have been added, and an email contact address.

**Budapest Open Access Initiative** Deutsch Français На русском

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**Budapest Open Access Initiative**

The Budapest Open Access Initiative arises from a small but lively meeting convened in Budapest by the Open Society Institute (OSI) on December 1-2, 2001. The purpose of the meeting was to accelerate progress in the international effort to make research articles in all academic fields freely available on the internet. The participants represented many points of view, many academic disciplines, and many nations, and had experience with many of the ongoing initiatives that make up the open access movement. In Budapest they explored how the separate initiatives could work together to achieve broader, deeper, and faster success. They explored the most effective and affordable strategies for serving the interests of research, researchers, and the institutions and societies that support research. Finally, they explored how OSI and other foundations could use their resources most productively to aid the transition to open access and to make open-access publishing economically self-sustaining. The result is the Budapest Open Access Initiative. It is at once a statement of principle, a statement of strategy, and a statement of commitment.

The [initiative](#) has been signed by the Budapest participants and a growing number of individuals and organizations from around the world who represent researchers, universities, laboratories, libraries, foundations, journals, publishers, learned societies, and kindred open-access initiatives. We invite the signatures, support, and participation of the entire world scientific and scholarly community.

✉ E-mail: [openaccess@soros.org](mailto:openaccess@soros.org).

**July 19, 2005**  
Guide to Open Access Publishing and Scholarly Societies  
[Learn More](#)

**April 12, 2005**  
Open Access Projects Supported by OSI  
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**December 17, 2004**  
Grants Awarded for Open Access Journals  
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**4144** signatures have been added to the initiative.

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# eIFL.net

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- An independent foundation that strives to lead, negotiate, support and advocate for the wide availability of electronic resources by library users in transition and developing countries.
- Operates through a network of national library consortia in 55 countries.

# eIFL Open Access Program

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- Supported by OSI
- Call for Interest among eIFL members:
  - Serbia, KoBSON, November 2003 & November 2005
  - South Africa, SASLI, July 2004 & May 2005
  - Ukraine, IRF, February 2005
  - Lithuania, LMBA, February 2005
  - China, LCAS, June 2005
  - Slovenia, COSEC, November 2005
  - Russia, NEICON, 2006

# Serbia

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- Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition
- Open Access Scholarly Communication Workshop, National Library of Serbia, November 2003
- Open Access Seminar w/focus on Citation Impact, November 2005

# South Africa

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- ❑ SASLI (South Africa Site Licensing Initiative)
- ❑ Open Access to Scholarly Communications Workshop, July 2004
- ❑ 3 day IR Workshop, May 2005
- ❑ Creation of OA Working Group (SASLI, University of KwaZulu-Natal, University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University)

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# Ukraine

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- International Renaissance Foundation (national Soros foundation)
- Open Access Conference, February 2005
  - Recommendations endorsed by Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister
- Parliamentary Inquiry, September 21, Harmonization of Governmental Educational Policies re OA
- National Network of Open Access Repositories (2006), 8 institutions

# Lithuania

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- Lithuanian Research Library Consortia
- Open Access Scholarly Communication Workshop. Target group: policy makers, scientific community, librarians, information specialists, programmers, February 2005
- “Open Access - Revolution in the Scholarly Publishing?” Target group: vice rectors of the universities, policy makers for scholarly communication, scientific community, librarians, June 2005
- Development of Lithuanian Academic Libraries Network (national IR network); Received EU Structural Funds, considering Fedora, team led by Kaunas University

# China

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- Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences
- International Conference on Strategies and Policies for Open Access to Scientific Information, Beijing, June 2005
  - Recommendations: require that all government funded research be published in OA; reform current system of review of S&T achievements so as to encourage academics to publish in OA; support leading journals to convert to OA
- Conducting studies of OA policies in other countries

# Slovenia

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- Consortium of Slovenian Electronic Collections
- OA presentation at National Slovenian Librarians' Conference, October 2005
- Open Access Scholarly Communication Workshop, November 2005

# Russia

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- NEICON (National Electronic Information Consortium)
- Open Access Workshop, 2006
- Need support of Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) & Russian Academy of Sciences

# Additional information

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- Budapest Open Access Initiative:  
<http://www.soros.org/openaccess/>
- eIFL Open Access Program:  
[http://www.eifl.net/services/services\\_open.html](http://www.eifl.net/services/services_open.html)
- Bioline International:  
[http://www.bioline.org.br/OSI\\_application](http://www.bioline.org.br/OSI_application)

# Thank you.

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