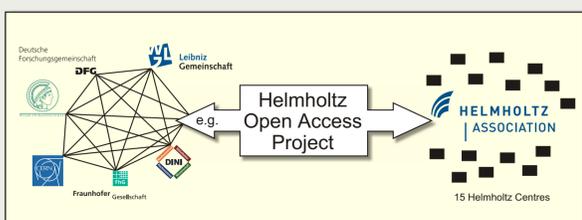


# The Helmholtz Open Access Project Status - Perspectives - Highlights

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## Networking

The Helmholtz Association was one of the first signatories of the 'Berlin declaration'. In October 2005, the Helmholtz Open Access Project was launched. Since then, major progress was made in creating awareness for Open Access among the 10.000 scientists within the Helmholtz Association and to make Open Access part of the scientific practice in all 15 independent Helmholtz research centres.



To be in contact with other open access activists, initiatives and organisations is fruitful and crucial for our success, e.g.:

Helmholtz Centres are very active in the CERN's SCOAP3-Initiative. An open access working group was initiated with members from all relevant national research organizations in Germany.

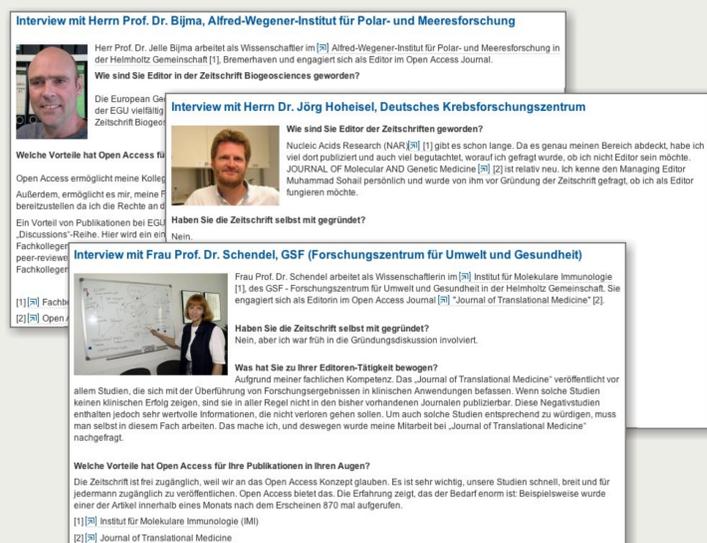
## Creating Access to Data

The cultures of data access and data sharing vary significantly from one scientific discipline to another. Quality and licensing issues pose important, often unanswered questions. The Helmholtz Open Access project will continue to monitor the experiences made in different fields, e.g. in life sciences or in earth and environmental sciences.



Open access to data is the principal topic of three World Data Centres which are operated by Helmholtz Centres.

## Building a Community: Helmholtz Open Access Editors



A large number of Helmholtz scientists actively support open access journals as editors or reviewers. Their experience and commitment may encourage others to follow suit. Editors/reviewers are often high-ranking scientist who may open doors for the open access topic to institutional boards. We promote them on our website!

<http://oa.helmholtz.de>

## Building a Community: Helmholtz Workshops

Establishing institutional repositories in 15 independent research centres requires the patience of Job. Workshops are core activities to bring people together, to exchange knowledge and discuss best practices, thereby building a community of dedicated open access experts.



Broad awareness by scientists as well as institutional commitment are necessary steps to win acceptance for open access publishing. Targeted information events are held to inform and educate scientists and decision makers.

### Our Mission...

"The Helmholtz Association aims to contribute significantly to solving the grand challenges which face society in the fields of Energy, Earth and Environment, Health, Key Technologies, Structure of Matter and Transport and Space."

Professor Dr. Jürgen Mlynek, President of the Helmholtz Association

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