OPEN ACCESS IN FINLAND STATEMENT OF FINNISH UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

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OPEN ACCESS MOVEMENT IN FINLAND

Started in early 2000s among the research and library communities.

In 2003 established working group FinnOA.

Professor Bo-Christer Björk and assistant professor Turid Hedlund from Hanken school of Economics both have worked as initiators and introducers of Open Access in Finland.
HIGHER EDUCATION IN FINLAND

Consists of two complementary sectors: universities and universities of applied sciences.

The mission of universities is to conduct scientific research and provide instruction and postgraduate education based on it.

Universities of applied sciences, UAS, train professionals in response to labor market needs and conduct R&D, which supports instruction and promotes regional development.

Both, universities and UAS, are partly funded by ministry of education. The Ministry of Education promotes Open Access and encourages higher education institutions to cooperate in promoting Open Access.
UAS’s OPEN ACCESS PROJECT

In 2008 Universities of Applied Sciences created a digital open access repository for theses and research publications at http://www.theseus.fi

The purpose was to solve the problems of access, storage and preservation in a user friendly way. The repository makes use of the DSpace platform provided by the National Library of Finland.

Theseus is more digital library, than institutional repository. Theseus contains text, images, videos etc.

During this project arises idea about the common Open Access Statement.
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Well accepted among the rectors of universities and research directors.

Statement concerns the teachers and researchers who work at the universities.

The Universities of Applied Sciences will require all teachers and researchers save a copy of their research essays that are published in scientific publications or university publication series in the open electronic library.

Statement is translated in swedish and english.
WHAT YOU MUST NOTICE IN CREATING OA STATEMENT OR MANDATE

Commitment.
Problems should discuss openly.
Education, education…

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FUTURE

The future is in virtual worlds universities and in repositories and library databases in open access, semantics and functional cataloging. But that’s another story. Thank you!

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