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PEER – *Final report on the provision of usage data and manuscript deposit procedures for publishers and repository managers* now available at <http://www.peerproject.eu/reports/>

PEER is a pioneering collaboration between publishers, repositories and the research community, which aims to investigate the effects of the large-scale, systematic depositing of authors' final peer-reviewed manuscripts (so called Green Open Access) on user access, author visibility, journal viability and the broader European research environment. The project will run until 2011, during which time over 50,000 European stage-2 (accepted) manuscripts from over 240 journals will become available for archiving.

While the earlier *Draft report on the provision of usage data and manuscript deposit procedures for publishers and repository managers* (<http://www.peerproject.eu/reports/>) set out a preliminary deposit workflow, this final report reflects a collaborative effort between publishers and the library and repository stakeholder communities to achieve a feasible workflow for depositing stage-2 outputs and for the provision of log files from repositories to enable the research envisaged in the PEER project.

This report is the result of an ongoing cooperation between stakeholder groups comprising publishers and the library/repository community to establish best practice in deposit procedures that are least disruptive of existing publication workflows, while minimizing additional effort in repository ingest activities.

An innovative workflow has been devised to describe and standardise the deposit from publishers to repositories that demonstrates, in a core group of interoperable European repositories, the capability of accepting material deposited from third party publishers and authors beyond the project duration.

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