



Open Access in Science: Legal Perspective

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Overview

- Scientific Publications
 - Open Access Principles
 - Open Access: Green & Gold
- Research Data
 - IP protection?
 - Open Access Conditions



Open Access Principles

- Berlin Declaration:
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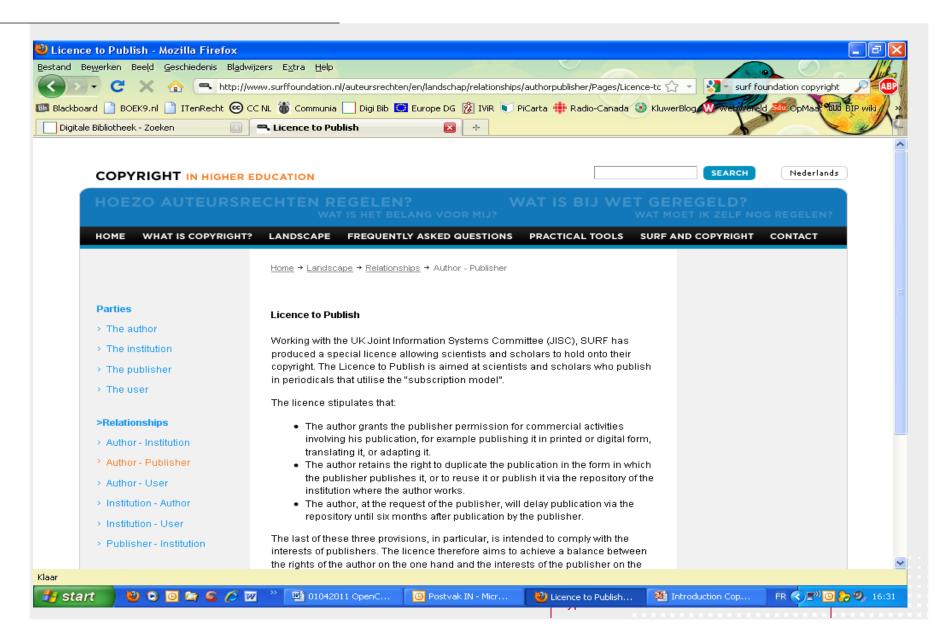




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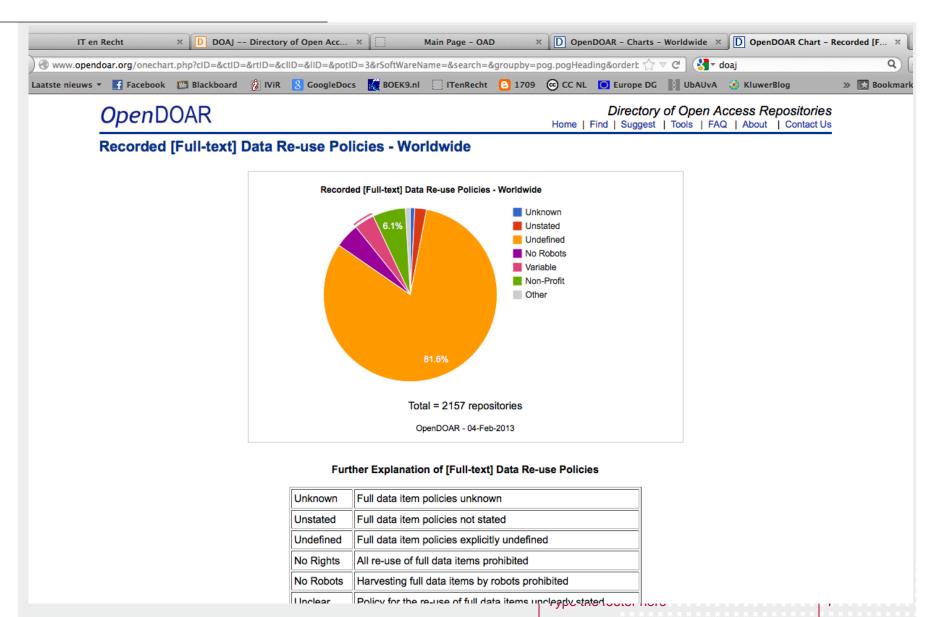




Green Road

- Author must retain minimum right
 - to post (pre/post-print or final version) on open website;
 - sometimes after an embargo period (recomm.
 max. 6-12 months)
- And the user?
 - Re-use policy of repositories mostly undefined







CC Licences (6 possible combinations)



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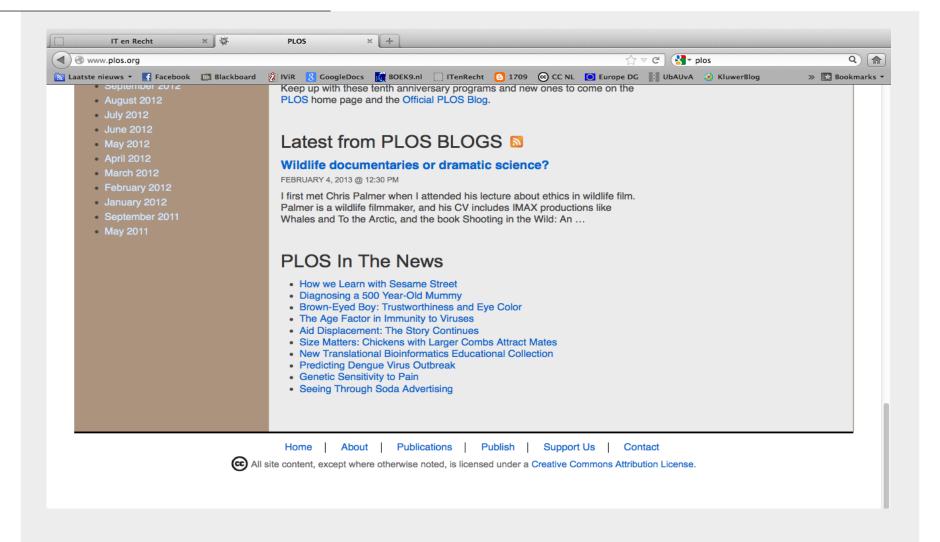


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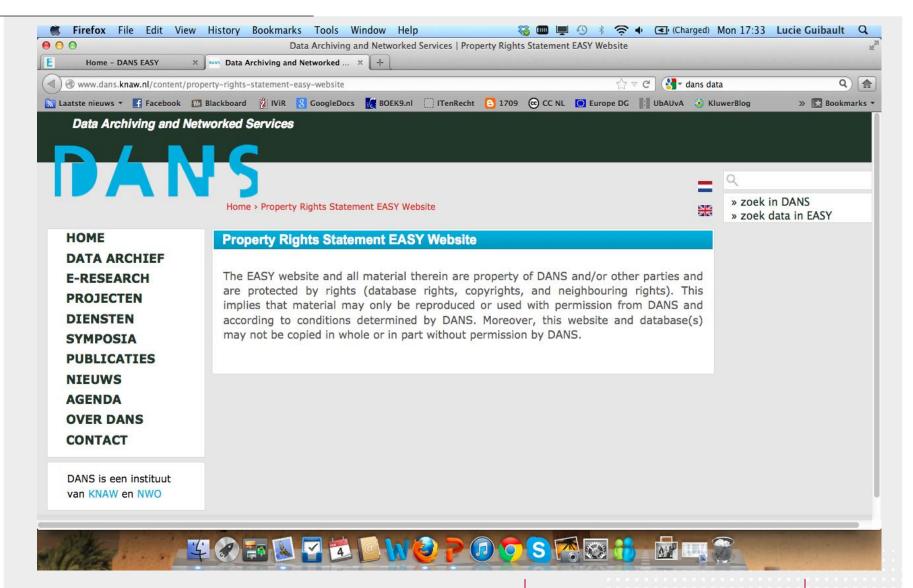




Research Data: IP protection?

- Copyright protection unlikely on
 - Contents: ideas and facts excluded from protection
 - Database: lack of originality in selection and arrangement
- Sui generis database protection unclear
 - Is there substantial investment in the collection, verification, presentation of the contents of the database?
 - If so, who is 'the person who takes the initiative and the risk of investing' eligible to qualify as rights holder? The Funding organization, the University or the researcher?







Open Access and Research Data

- Creative Commons Licenses v. 3.0 waive sui generis database right entirely (By- NC- ND or SA do not apply);
- Upcoming v. 4.0 will license database right along with copyright;
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