



Open Access Policy of the Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology (FBN)

Background

Open Access stands for unlimited and free-of-cost access to quality-tested scientific information in the Internet. By eliminating technical, financial and legal barriers, Open Access contributes in the acceleration of scientific innovation processes and the improvement of the

visibility of research results. Scientists working in their processes of research and publication are supported and the benefits of publicly-funded research is maximized through this. The Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology (FBN) as a member of the Leibniz Association pledges itself to Open Access. Thus, it follows the “Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities”¹ and the “Open Access policy of the Leibniz Association 2016-2020”².

Recommendations and commitments

The Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology (FBN) has set its goal to publish as many of its research results as possible in accordance with the Open Access Principle.

This is done immediately by publishing in the open access publication media and within the scope of the legal possibilities – by parallel or by subsequent disclosure of the publications as soon as possible of the publications via document server (repositories). In case of immediate Open Access publication, the Institute recommends the publication under a free use license (for example, a Creative Commons license³, preferably CC-BY).

In case of conclusion of contracts with publishers, the scientists of the FBN are encouraged not to grant them the exclusive user’s rights to publications but instead, as far as possible, to secure their own exploitation right permanently and to transfer a simple right of use to the FBN for a professional repository. Only in this way, a parallel or subsequent Open Access publication can be guaranteed, in addition to any commercial use by publishers. The FBN expects its scientists to obtain third-party funds for Open Access publications when applying for projects.

The FBN also envisages research data as a valuable result of its research. A separate policy applies for the handling of research data at the FBN and for making them available.

¹ https://openaccess.mpg.de/68053/Berliner_Erklaerung_dt_Version_07-2006.pdf

² https://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/fileadmin/user_upload/downloads/Infrastruktur/Leibniz-Open-Access-Policy.pdf

³ <https://creativecommons.org>



Implementation

The FBN supports its employees in the implementation of this policy. It promotes Open Access by:

- publishing the Open Access journal “Archives Animal Breeding”;
- getting involved in the Working Group “Open Access” of the Leibniz Association;
- identifying publications from the FBN, the free availability (possibly after an embargo period) of which is legally permissible and making them available through appropriate repositories (e.g. Repository for Life Sciences, LeibnizOpen, etc.);
- informing, consulting scientists of the FBN on Open Access and supporting them in the clarification of legal issues related to the Open Access publication of their research results. The FBN has established the position of an Open Access Officer for this purpose;
- providing scholarships for publication fees for Open Access publications for the scientists. The FBN has set up an Open Access publishing fund for this.

The Open Access policy (Version 01.00) was released on 17.10 2017 by the FBN's Director.