

Submission to ICAR on its Open Access Policy 2013 Draft

The following are proposed for the Open Access Policy of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research 2013 after incorporating suggestions from the Open Access community.

1. All the constituent establishments under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to set up their Open Access Institutional Repositories, Open Access Data Repositories and Open Educational Resources using Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) systems which support the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) protocol for public good.
2. All the ICAR establishments to register their repositories, resources and information products/services with the Coherence in Information for Agricultural Research for Development (CIARD)'s Routemap to Information Nodes and Gateways (RING) for the availability and accessibility of agricultural knowledge produced to the world.
3. The ICAR shall set up a central harvester using the free metadata indexing system to harvest the metadata from the repositories of the ICAR establishments and other repositories of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) for establishing 'One Stop Access Portal' for all the agricultural knowledge generated in the NARS.
4. All the research outputs produced from the research funded by the ICAR at either ICAR establishments or elsewhere in the NARS are required to deposit in the ICAR institute's Open Access Institutional Repositories or in any other appropriate Open Access repositories of the NARS.
5. The authors of the scholarly literature produced from the research funded by the ICAR at either ICAR establishments or elsewhere in the NARS are required to deposit final version of the author's peer-reviewed manuscript at the time of acceptance and no later than the time of publication in the ICAR institute's Open Access Institutional Repositories or in any other appropriate Open Access repositories of NARS.
6. All the archives, current and future scholarly and grey literature viz., research articles, popular articles, book chapters, books, monographs, catalogues, conference proceedings, success stories, case studies, annual reports, newsletters, booklets, bulletins, project reports, class/lecture notes, presentation slides, photos, videos, speeches, keynote addresses, patent grant publications,

data sets etc., produced by the ICAR establishments to be made available under Open Access via repositories.

7. All the ICAR research staff, students and visitors at ICAR institutes are encouraged to consult the SHERPA/RoMEO database of publishers' policies on copyright and self-archiving and are advised to publish their research outputs in those journals which allows self-archiving in the Open Access Repositories. They are also advised to use 'Authors Addendum' mentioning the ICAR's Open Access Policy of mandatory deposit of the final version of the author's peer-reviewed manuscript at the time of acceptance and no later than the time of publication in the ICAR institute's Open Access Institutional Repositories while signing the while signing the publishers' copyright agreements. The embargo if any should not be later than 6 months from publication date for making the deposits open to public.
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Implementation

13. The Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture (DKMA) to serve as nodal agency for implementation of ICAR Open Access policy. The DKMA along with Agricultural Knowledge Management Units (AKMUs) in ICAR establishments and other agencies/communities would organize advocacy workshops and capacity building for researchers, repository administrators, editors and publishers on Open Access Repositories, Open Access Journals and application and usage of Free and Open Source Software systems related to scholarly communications.

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