

## **Submission on ICAR's Open Access Policy 2013 Draft**

*We on behalf of the Open Access India community submit the following Modified Open Access Policy Draft to Dr. D. Rama Rao, National Director, NAIP for formulating an Open Access Policy of Indian Council of Agricultural Research. This modified draft is built upon the Original Policy Draft prepared by the Committee on Open Access in ICAR after taking inputs from the Global 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 through CIARD RING India.
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 and CIARD RING India.
4. All the research outputs produced from the research funded by the ICAR or by other Public Funds 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 viz., Agropedia (OpenAgri), Rice Knowledge Management Portal etc.
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## Implementation

13. The Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture (DKMA) to serve as the 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 viz., GFAR, CIARD, AIMS and Open Access India 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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