

# Open Access in Cyprus

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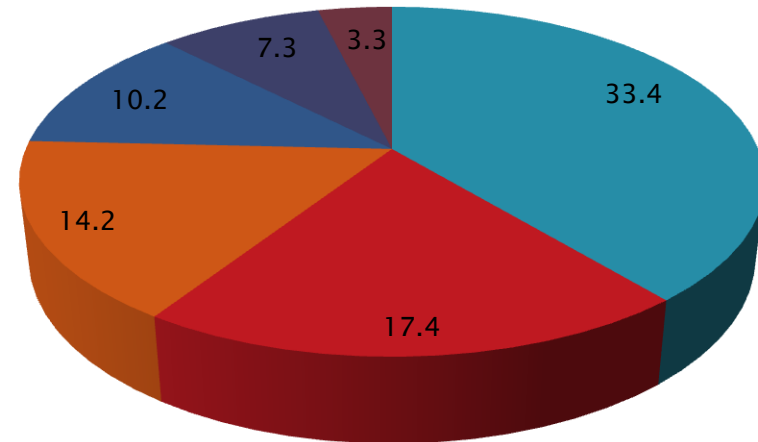
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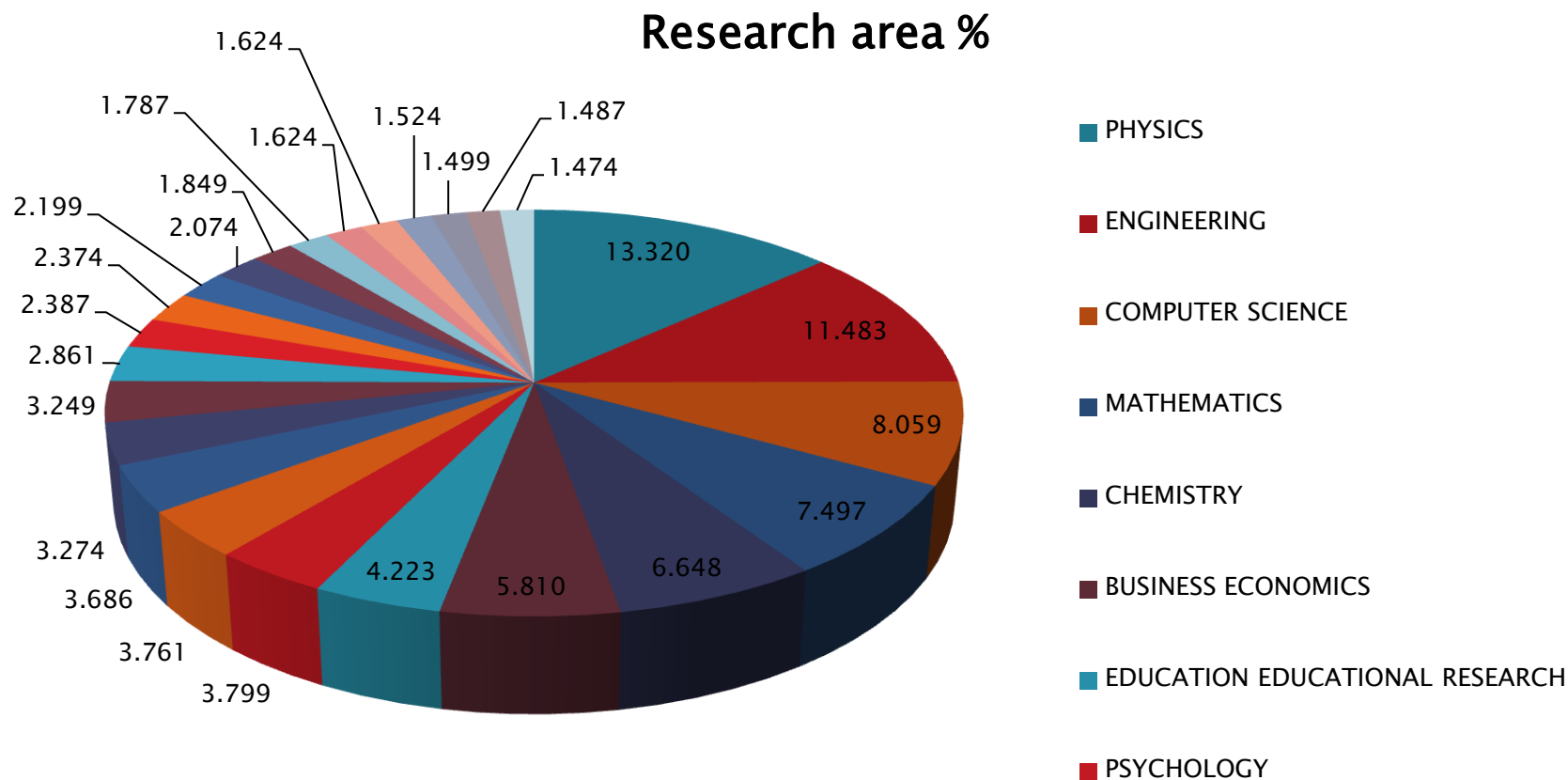


# Statistical Service of the Republic of Cyprus (year 2010)

- ▶ Total R/D €86.2 mn –0,50% of GDP EU average 2%
- ▶ The Higher Education institutions accounted for 49,8% of total expenditures
- ▶ R&D expenditure by subject
  - 33,4 Natural sciences
  - 17,4 Engineering and Technology
  - 14,2 Social sciences
  - 10,2 Agriculture sciences
  - 7,3 Humanities
  - 3,3 Health sciences
- ▶ R&D finance
  - 37 government fund
  - 21,9 public universities
  - 12,9 Sources from abroad (European Union)
  - 14,4 Private sector



# Research area results in Cyprus



Source :WOS 5/12/2012



# Open Access infrastructure in Cyprus

University	Starting Year	Platform	Year of installation	Signature of Berlin Declaration	Open access Policy	Obligation to deposit research outputs to institutional repository	Obligation to deposit theses to institutional repository
Cyprus University of Technology	2007	DSpace	2009	Yes	Partially	Yes	Yes
University of Cyprus	1992	DSpace	2010	Yes	No	No (only in the framework of Openaire and Openaire plus)	Yes
Open University of Cyprus	2006	DSpace	2011	No	No	YES	No
Neapolis University	2011	-	-	-	-	-	-
University of Nicosia	2007 (1980)	-	-	-	-	-	-
European University	2007(1961)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frederick Univesity	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-



# Cyprus OA activities

## CUT

- In 2007 the Cyprus University of Technology(CUT) decided that the academic staff must deposit their scientific publications in the Library
- in 2008 the deposit of the undergraduate and postgraduate theses in CUT library was made mandatory.
- Another vital step in promoting Open Access was the adoption of the Creative Commons licenses.
- Interoperability with international repositories:
- KTISIS (academic – institutional repository of Cyprus University of Technology) being in process to comply with **OpenAIRE**. – provides its metadata through the OAI-PMH metadata harvesting protocol to the following aggregators: OAlster, Driver, Openarchives.gr, KOJ, P

## UCY

•In 1999 the deposit of postgraduate theses in the University of Cyprus library(UCY) was made mandatory.

•Interoperability with international repositories:

•LEKYTHOS (academic – institutional repository of University of Cyprus), offered to all the local researchers and already compliant with **OpenAIRE** – is providing its metadata in Driver, Openarchives.gr, and ROAR.



•In 2009 UCY participated in OpenAIRE and 2011 in OpenAIRE plus  
•In 2011 UCY senate approved support of SCOAP<sup>3</sup>

•“Data exchange agreement” of **Europeana** in April 2012 by Ucy and CUT libraries



# Cyprus OA activities

## CUT

- In October 2011 the CUT library organized a survey in order to better understand the relationship and beliefs of the academic community about Open Access. The survey had two main goals. The first was to examine the degree of familiarity of the academic community with Open Access. The second goal was to define the views and difficulties faced by the academic community on the Open Access model, in order to assist the library in the promotion of Open Access.
- In October 2012 CUT Library participated in OPEN ACCES WEEK 2012 and organized events to promote Open Access and Informed scientific community about open access.
- In 2012 CUT library developed management policies approved on October 2012 by the Academic senate for the undergraduate, postgraduate theses and the publications of the academic staff.
- In 2012 CUT library developed a guideline for the preparation of the electronic version of a thesis or dissertation (ETDs) that has to be submitted together with the printed copies also approved on October 2012 by the Academic Senate.



- ▶ **VOA3R (Virtual Open Access Agriculture & Aquaculture Repository):** Sharing Scientific and Scholarly Research related to Agriculture, Food, and Environment. Represented by Agricultural Research Institute - Cyprus



# OA Policy

- ▶ *Madrid/Brussels, 9 July 2012* – The Cypriot Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) has decided to accept the challenge of reaching an agreement on the revision of the EU access to documents Regulation (*Regulation 1049/2001*).



- ▶ Cyprus has not yet officially adopted any OA policies or mandates. Some of the Universities organize presentations or conferences for Open Access publishing in order to familiarize the scientific community with the benefits and advantages of Open Access. Mainly the national Universities host those events aiming to spread the idea of Open Access widely.



# CUT survey for OA organized in 2011

- ▶ Examine the degree of familiarity of the academic community and with Open Access
- ▶ The views and difficulties faced by the academic community with the Open Access publishing model
- ▶ Where and under which conditions the members of the academic community prefer to publish





# Summary of Results

- ▶ 72 % They don't know Ktisis (Cyprus University of Technology Institutional Repository)
- ▶ 68% They know Open Access and 84% of them are aware of Open Access scientific journals in their field
- ▶ 68% choose to publish in commercial publishers
- ▶ 77% believe that articles published in commercial journals has higher impact factor
- ▶ 87% are not negotiating the terms and conditions with the publishers
- ▶ 89% would like the university to develop an author addendum policy



# The impact of open access in CUT



Publications included in KTISIS	384
Open Access publications	25
% of publications in Open Access	6,51%
Total number of publications in WOS and Scopus	952
% of publications in KTISIS	40,34%

Source KTISIS, WOS & Scopus 1/12/2012



# CYPRUS – Next steps

- Development of a policy about Open Access and a central institutional fund for the payment of article processing charges for open access publication.
- Promote open access to the local research community and inform them permanently about the higher impact factor open access journals in their fields.
- Awareness that Open access for a small country like Cyprus has a bigger marginal value than other countries of the E.U



# Thank You



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