



OPEN ACCESS: A RESEARCH FUNDER'S PERSPECTIVE

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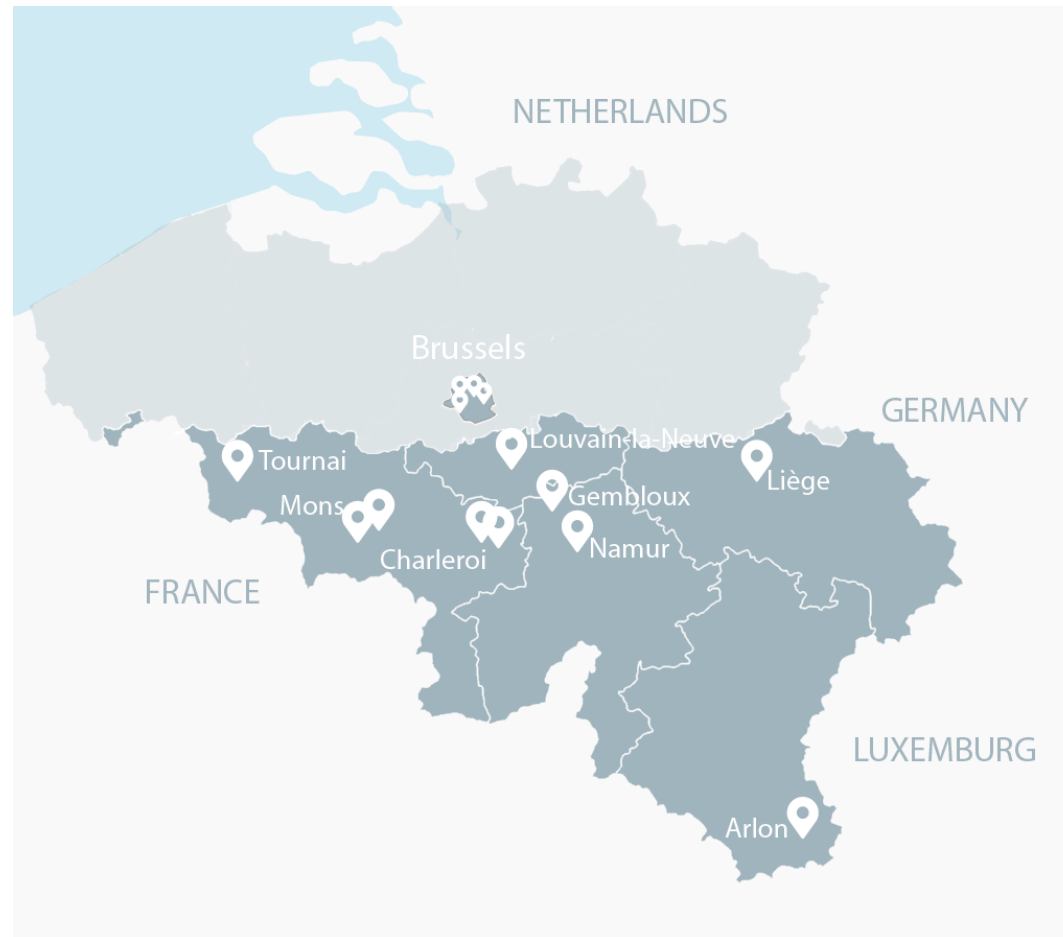
1. F.R.S.-FNRS: the funding agency for basic research in WBF (*like ERC...*)



- Public interest **Foundation** (since 1928)
- Annual **budget**: ~180 M€ (~90% public funding)
- **Funding instruments**: fellowships, grants, international cooperation
- Employer of ~**2.300 researchers** (from PhD to tenure) hosted in the 6 universities
- **Freedom** for research !
 - ® bottom-up process,
 - ® all scientific fields
 - ® selection based on scientific excellence (international experts)
 - ® some top down policies (special support to strategic fields of science)

1. F.R.S.-FNRS: the funding agency for basic research in WBF (2)

~ 4,5 millions inhabitants

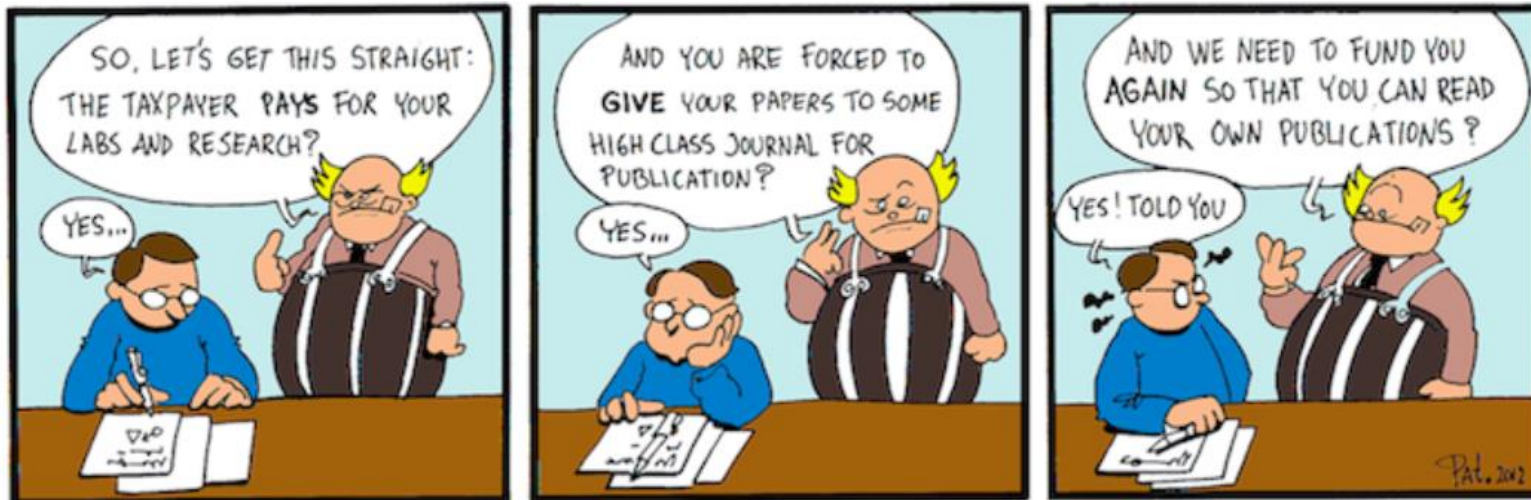


6 research oriented **Universities**: UCL, ULB, ULG, UNamur, UMons, USLB

2. An FNRS Open Access Policy: WHY?

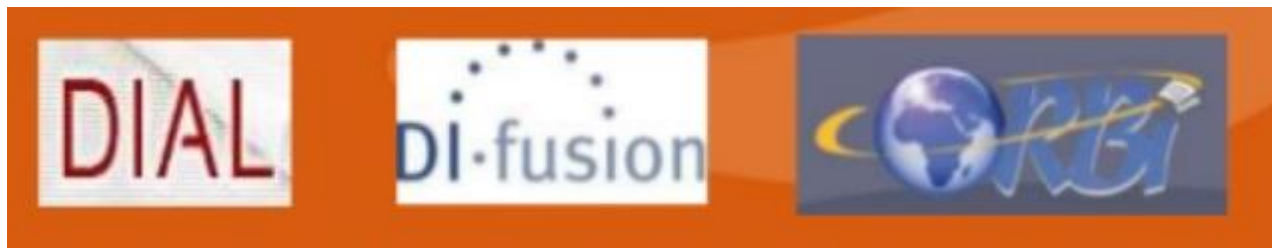


- The results of **research funded by public money** should be publicly accessible
- Sharing and knowledge communication contributes to the **advancement of science and scientific progress**
- OA Improves **visibility** and citation rates
- **Excessive subscription fees**, (too) large margins for the publishers



3. The WBF and FNRS Open Access Policies: MAIN STEPS (1)

1. **2001: BICTEL/e** ® decision of the Governing Boards of WBF Universities to implement the archiving of theses and e-prints (bibliographic references, theses) □ **3.600 theses**, partly accessible
2. **2004:** adoption of the green road in WBF and launch of the WBF **repositories project** (1 repository per Academy – group of universities)



3. **2007:** Endorsement of the **Berlin Declaration** by the WBF universities and by the FNRS

3. The WBF and FNRS Open Access Policies: MAIN STEPS (2)

4. **2012:** Endorsement of the **Brussels Declaration on Open Access** by political authorities, WBF universities and FNRS

- Ⓜ Belgian policy on open access to scientific information
- Ⓜ Commitment to maximizing free availability of publicly funded research results
- Ⓜ *active information of researchers*
- Ⓜ *Investigation of the possibility of public authorities covering the costs of OA publishing*

5. **FNRS OA Policies: a series of “binding” measures as from 2011**

3. The FNRS Open Access Policy: MAIN STEPS (3)

FNRS: freedom to research ® open access policies don't affect the author's freedom to choose where to publish

(nor interfere with patenting or other forms of commercial exploitation)

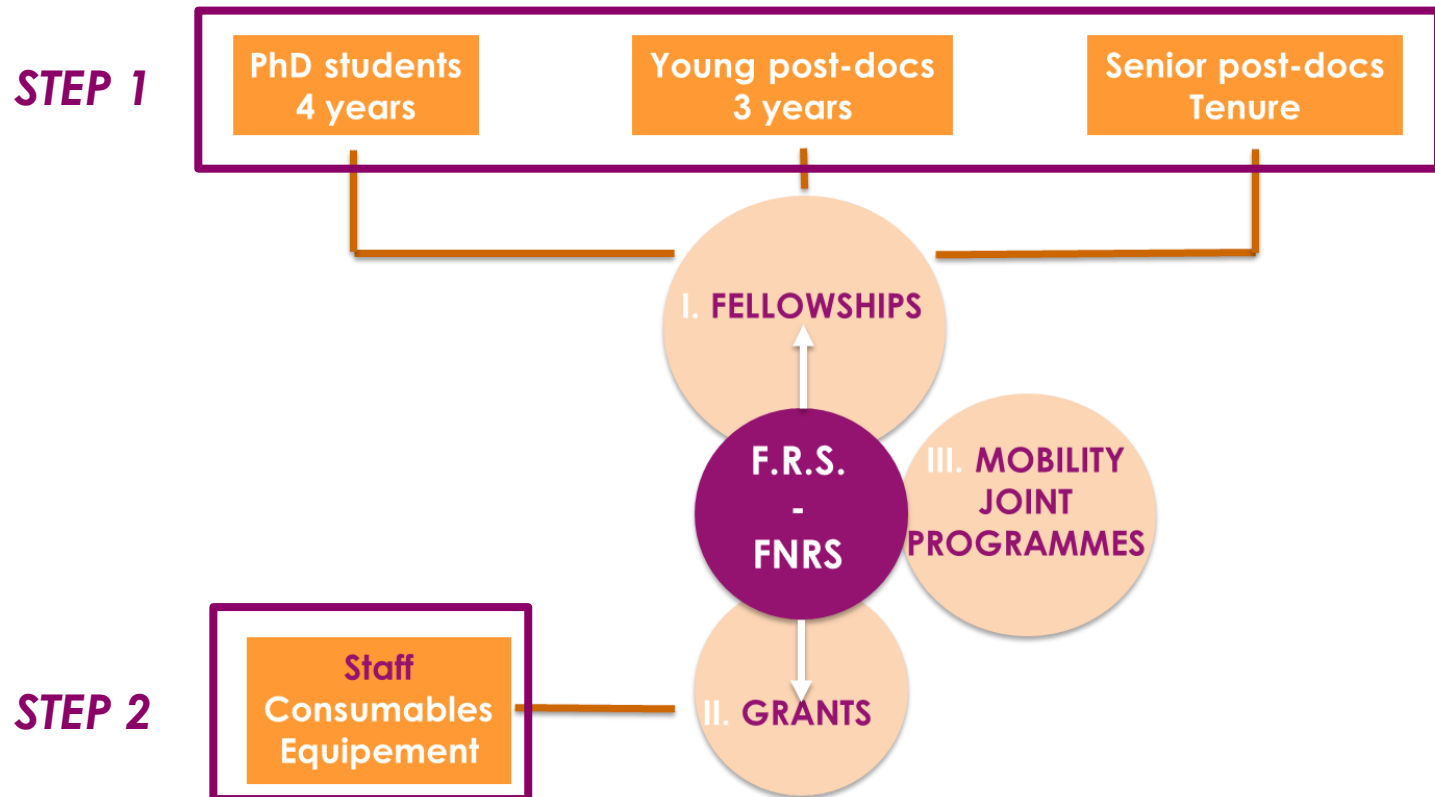
The choice is open between both roads

® *Self-archiving the journal articles in an open access repository (**green road**)*

® *Publishing in an open access journal (**gold road**)*

4. The FNRS Open Access POLICY : implementation (1)

- **STEP 1** - 16 Dec 2011, decision of the FNRS governing board: submission of lists of publications from institutional repositories for **candidates for FNRS fellowships** (recommendation in 2012, required in 2013)
- **STEP 2** - 7 Dec. 2012, decision of the FNRS governing board: extension of rule 1 to **candidates promoters of grants (CDR, PDR, EQP, MIS)**



4. The FNRS Open Access POLICY : implementation (2)

➤ **25 April 2013** - final adoption of the **Regulation** on the implementation of the policy of " free access" to scientific publications resulting from FNRS funding (*implementation on 1 October 2013*)

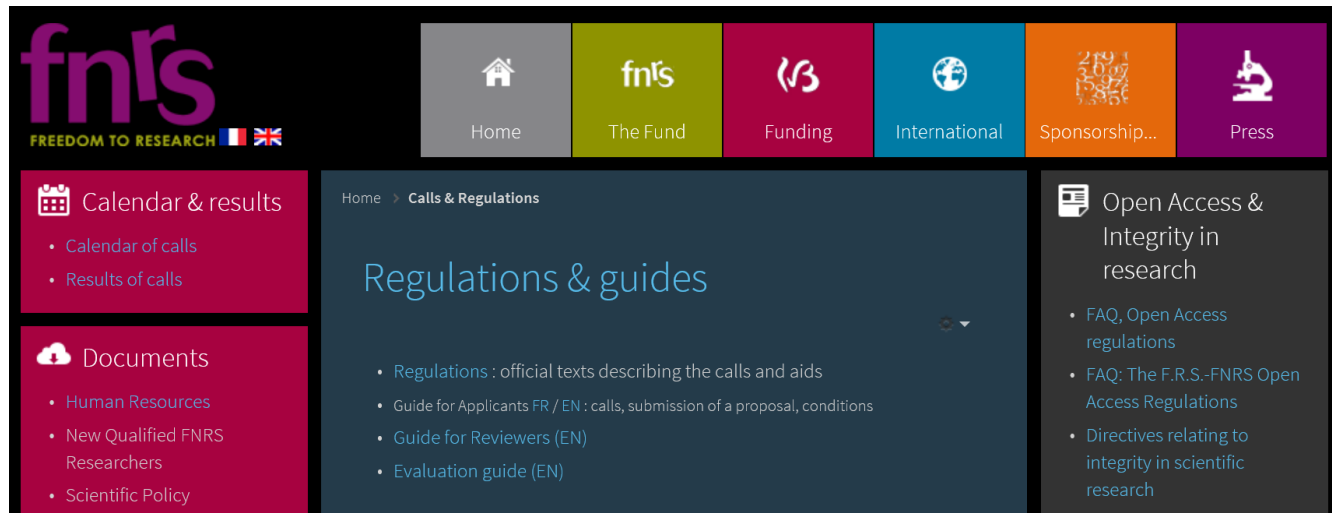
- Ⓜ outputs resulting from research projects carried by **FNRS researchers** must be self-archived in their host institution's repository (from 2008)
 - Ⓜ outputs resulting from **research projects (CDR, PDR, EQP, MIS) funded by the FNRS** must be self-archived in their host institution's repository
 - Ⓜ funded researchers who wish to publish directly in an OA format (**gold road**) can claim the costs of the publication to a limit of **500 EUR per article** (only for journals not listed in the Beall's list)
 - Ⓜ cost for **hybrid journals** are not eligible
- accessible no more than 6 months after the publication (12 months in SSH)*

Research-funded results: any peer-reviewed journal article, conference proceedings, participation in symposiums, seminars, which have been subject to scientific publications

4. The FNRS Open Access POLICY : implementation (3)

Communication to researchers and promoters

- On FNRS WEB site (May 2013)



a FAQ section for a full understanding of these new regulations

- In a e-Newsletter (May 2013)



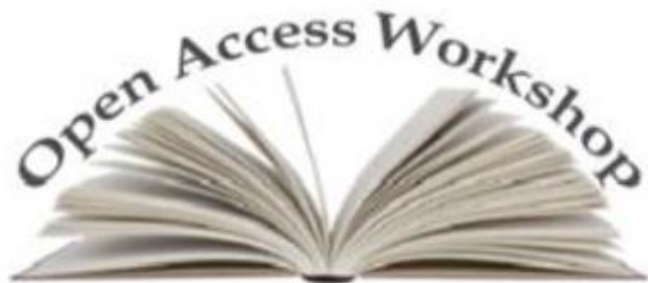
- In the granting mails to candidates and promoters (from Oct. 2013)

5. Some other FNRS OA actions (1)

- September 2011: organization of an **international symposium** on OA at the FU (<http://webcast.richcast.eu/fnrs-open-access>)

FNRS Open Access Management and Policy Conference Writeup

Brussels, 28th of September: The FNRS has done



- Active member of a **Science Europe Working Group on OA**, to address key issues in a coordinated-way by exchange of good practice principles



5. Some other FNRS OA actions (2)

- Member of **PASTEUR4OA** (<http://www.pasteur4oa.eu/>): to develop and/or reinforce OA strategies and policies at the national level and facilitate their coordination among all MS

15 partners

- Financial support to **DARIAH** (ESFRI Digital Research Humanities)
- Financial support to **SCOAP3** (CERN - *partnership of thousands of libraries, key funding agencies and research centers in more than 40 countries*) □ key journals in the field of HEP converted to OA at no cost for authors, publishers centrally paid for the costs involved in providing OA, publishers in turn reduce subscription fees to all customers (in a way commensurate to their scientific output)
- Planned project: **Harvesting of the WBF repositories**



5. Some other FNRS OA actions (3)



➤ **SPI:** an online database with a summary of the research projects funded by the FNRS

Base de données SPI

Sont repris les nouveaux projets financés par le F.R.S.-FNRS dans le cadre des appels Mandats et Crédits/Projets depuis 2010 + tous les chercheurs permanents

- Pour démarrer une recherche, complétez au moins un des champs ci-dessous.
- Dans le résultat, les textes en vert sont cliquables et permettent d'obtenir des informations supplémentaires.
- Les intitulés des projets sont également cliquables. Ils donnent accès aux résumés.

Science

➤ Domaine :

➤ Champs descripteurs :

➤ Mots clés :

Poste

➤ Fonds : Mandats Fonds Associés Télévie GEQ - LOG FRIA FRESH PDR FRESH

➤ Poste : Chercheurs Promoteurs Co-promoteurs Personnel

➤ Instrument :

Identité

➤ Nom du chercheur :

➤ ID Application :

➤ Année appel : *Pour les candidatures retenues en juin, mettez 2015*

➤ Période : dd/mm/yyyy

Rechercher

Résultats

1 - Production and consumption of beer in Brussels (1860-1914): perseverance of a product in change.

Chercheur : [Balcers Wanda](#) matricule : 75204
Instruments : Mandats
Programme : Aspirant [ASP] 1143009F
Institution universitaire : Université Libre de Bruxelles
Dates : Début 01/10/2008 - Fin 30/09/2010
Domaine : Histoire (y compris Histoire de l'Art)

Statistiques

1 résultats

Aspirant [ASP] : 1

