

Public Access to Government-Sponsored Research

Join us for a highly relevant and controversial session that is being held during the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC!

June 25, 2007

1:30-3:30pm

Renaissance Mayflower, State Room

Join us as we explore the 'comparative advantage' that the Federal Government holds in the Open Access debate. James King, Chief Librarian of the Naval Research Laboratory, will lead a well-rounded panel discussion through the history, issues, legislative efforts, and opportunities related to Open Access and US Federal Government-sponsored research.

Specifically, we have Heather Joseph, formerly of BioOne and currently the Executive Director of SPARC (Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition) who will discuss her group's advocacy efforts related to Open Access and the *Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006*.

The second speaker is Michael Mabe, formerly VP at Elsevier and currently CEO of the International Association of STM Publishers (with membership representing nearly all major society and commercial publishers); who will present the commercial and society publisher perspective on the Open Access debate including the *Brussels Declaration* opposed to many of the tenants of Open Access.

Our final speaker is Dr. Neil Thakur, the point person for the National Institutes of Health's Public Access policy who will share the NIH perspective in this debate and their progress to date on making pre-prints of all NIH-sponsored work available to the public.

Please direct question to James King, event coordinator, at james.king@nrl.navy.mil or 202-767-2357.

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