

Open Access

“Open Access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. What makes it possible is the internet and the consent of the author or copyright-holder.”

– Peter Suber

Two roads to achieve OA

The green road: self archiving

- Depositing a copy of your article on the web that is freely available to others
- Copyright is a bundle of rights which can be transferred or licensed.
- Example: [Canadian Journal of Forest Research](#)

Digital repositories

Repositories offer a stable URL, higher profile and long term preservation

Institutional examples:

- <http://circle.ubc.ca>
- <http://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us>
- <http://www.fao.org/documents/>

The gold road: OA publications

Examples:

- BC Journal of Ecosystems & Management
- Bosque
- Canadian Journal of Forest Research (hybrid)

Directory of OA Journals

<http://www.doaj.org>

Self archiving: publisher policies

SHERPA/RoMEO

<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php>

- green: pre & post-print
- yellow: pre-print only
- blue: post-print only

- pre-print: before peer review
- post-print: after peer review with corrections made (usually final draft)