

Open-Access-Policy

University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover

Prologue

As one of the world's leading universities in the field of veterinary medicine and related research fields, the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover (Stiftung Tierärztliche Hochschule Hannover, TiHo) is committed to the contents of the "*Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities*" in the spirit of international Open Access, and thus to the emphatic promotion of barrier-free access to research results and their unhindered subsequent use.

Recommendations

In accordance with these principles, the TiHo recommends that all members of the university publish their research results for the first time in recognized Open Access publication media with appropriate quality assurance mechanisms ("peer review"). The greatest possible reusability should be ensured by publishing the research results under a "Creative Commons Attribution License" ("CC BY 4.0"). In order to increase the visibility and findability of the research work, as well as to ensure the reusability of research results, the TiHo also recommends the use of appropriate persistent identifiers (PIDs). Also, the TiHo encourages all members of the university to contribute to the long-term quality assurance of scientific publications as reviewers for recognized Open Access publication media. Should authors in individual cases decide to publish their research results in a quality-assured but access-restricted (subscription-based) publication medium, care must be taken to ensure that the authors expressly reserve a simple right to use their work in order to guarantee the secondary publication of their research results at a given time, taking into account the respective applicable legal or contractual requirements.

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In direct coordination with the TiHo presidium and senate, the library acts as a central contact for the coordination and practical implementation of measures to promote open access publications at the university and supports university-wide targeted acquisition processes for open access publication budgets. The university's own repository, which is administered by the library, is intended to enable members of the TiHo to also make research results already published outside of OA publication media available to the general public in an admissible form, taking into account the respective applicable legal requirements.