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Implementing open access in a big general university: a bottom up process

The policy



Sapienza OA policy in a nutshell

- Approved in February 2020, after a **bottom up process**
- Joint effort of Sapienza governance, research area, librarian system and university press
- Sapienza institutional repository for publications: IRIS
- The policy defines: i) who can access IRIS; ii) how to deposit OA publications; iii) how Sapienza supports OA



Sapienza statement about OA

Sapienza favors and places, among its institutional duties, open access to scientific literature to improve its visibility, increase its impact and communicate knowledge and scientific progress to the civil society, ensuring its long-term availability



Sapienza for the green road

Sapienza promotes the principle of open access according to the **Green road**, through the IRIS repository

link to Sherpa-Romeo database

- check publishers' publication policies
- **informed and correct choice of the version** to be deposited (editorial, post-print, pre-print)

Open Access on IRIS based on Creative Commons 2.0 licenses



Sapienza support services

- Open access training
- Review of editorial agreements and set up of Addenda
- National coordination in the field of transformative agreement
- OJS Sapienza platform
- Financial support through Sapienza internal call for funding



The bottom-up process

The online surveys

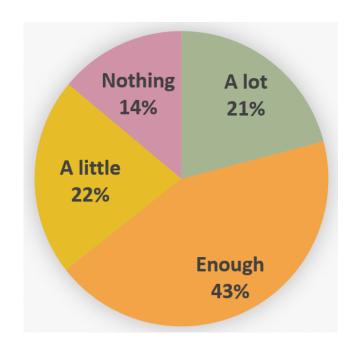
two online surveys (2019):

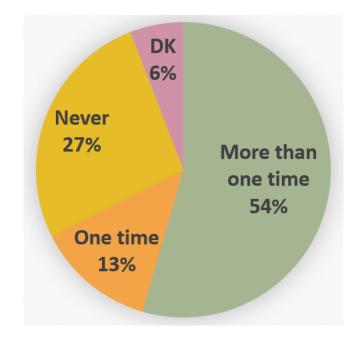
- overall academic community
- (to assess degree of awareness and acceptance of open access)
- → 975 respondents, from phd students to full professors
- department directors

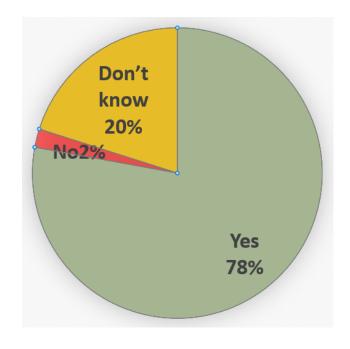
(to assess the strategic and organisational consequences of OA policy)

→ 29 respondents

Awareness & uptake of OA







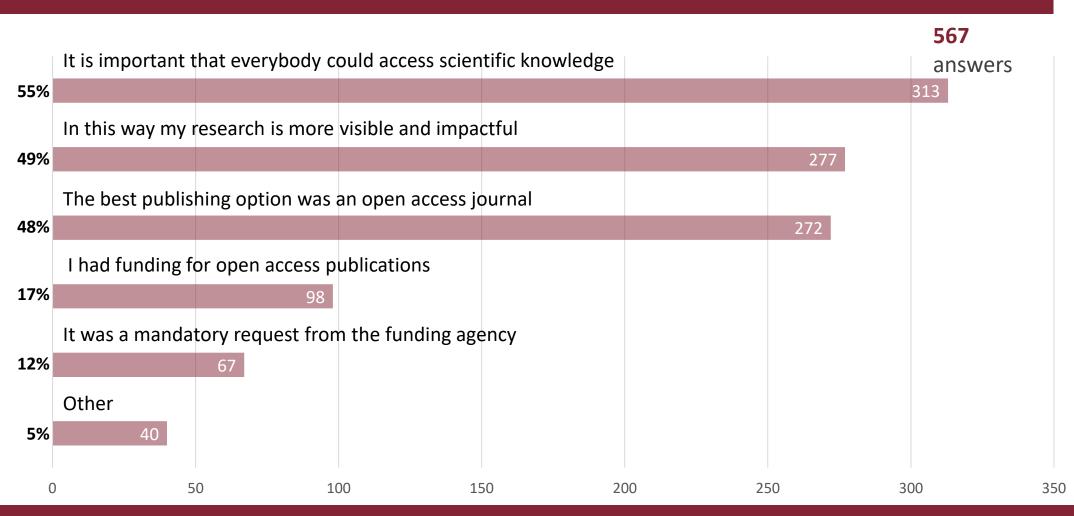
How familiar are you with open access?

Have you ever published in open access?

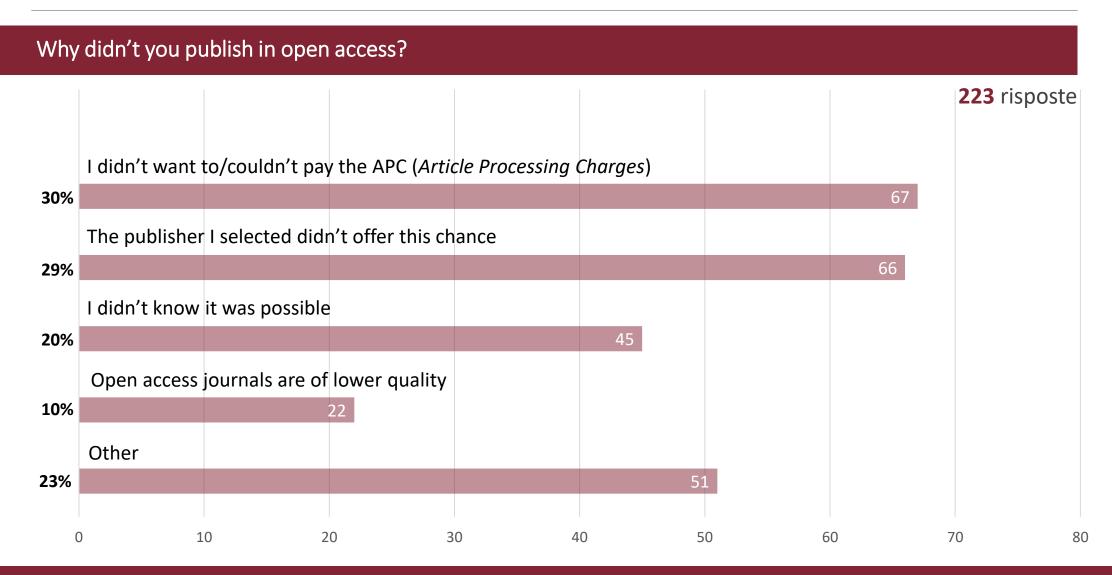
Sapienza should have an open access policy?

Awareness & uptake of OA

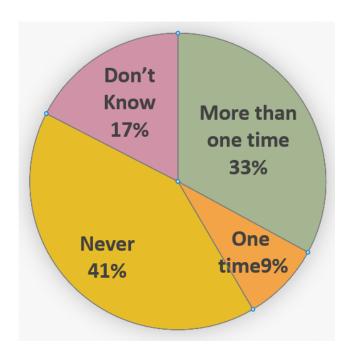
Why did you publish in open access?



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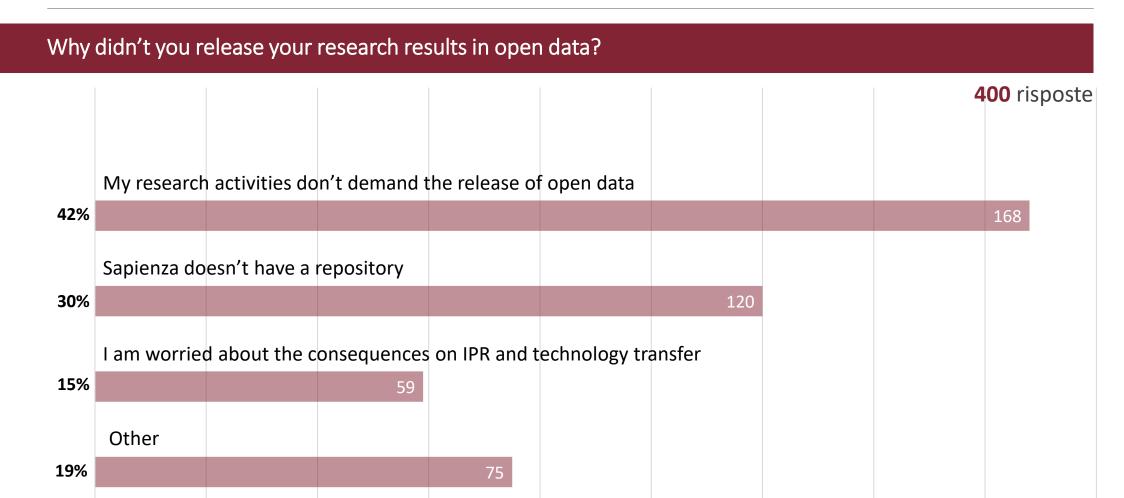
Open data



Have you ever released open data about your research results

Sapienza is currently developing its own data repository according to FAIR principles and within the HRS4R furrow

Open data



Conclusion

"Universities have to make a choice" (Paul Ayris)

Sapienza's policy is a good starting point

This is the right time for Sapienza to make its own choice and try pushing forward.....

Thank you for your attention

