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OPEN ACCESS POLICY
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Starting from one of the main objectives of the university - creation, preservation dissemination and exploitation of the intellectual and scientific potential of the researches at a high level, The State Agrarian University of Moldova aims to expand and facilitate access to scientific institutional production, supporting international initiatives on open access. SAUM recognizes the strategic importance of the open access to information promoted by the *Budapest Open Access Initiative (2002)*; *The Bethesda Statement on Open Access Publishing (2003)*; *Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities (2003)*; *Code on science and innovation of the Republic of Moldova (2004)*; *Binding principles on public access to the results of researches funded by the European Research Council (European Research Council) (2008)*; *The pilot project of the European Commission (Science in Society) in the Framework Programme for Research (FP7) (2008)*.

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Considering the provision of the Republic of Moldova no. 982 of 11 May 2000 regarding access to information and the Commission Recommendation 2011/711 / EU on digitization and online accessibility of cultural material and digital preservation, The State Agrarian University of Moldova engages to disseminate the results of the researches funded by public funds and by projects based on the principles of open access, to encourage researchers to show their support for open access publishing of their articles in open access journals and to submit their works to SAUM institutional repository.

In this regard, open access to information can significantly contribute to promoting the results of advanced scientific and technological innovative researches, to the amplification of scientific communication and free knowledge sharing to the community, to the increase of the visibility of scientific researches at the global level, of quality indicators and of the performance in scientific researches.

Objectives:

- providing long-term administration and preservation of digital scientific documents produced by the university community;
- ensuring the widest possible access to scientific output of the university.

Strategies:

1. The implementation of open access to scientific publications through two complementary methods: self-archiving in the institutional repository of the university and the university journals registration in international records / directories (DOAJ – Directory of Open Access Journals etc.).

2. Establishment and development of institutional repository that will integrate the scientific output of the university (scientific articles, dissertations, reports, conference materials, monographs, etc.).
3. The Department of Science and Innovation will coordinate the selection and archiving of the scientific documents in the university's institutional repository and will monitor the compliance of this policy with the interests of authors.
4. The Library is the executor of the process of creating and developing institutional repository, it will be responsible for ensuring the functionality of the repository, archiving and long-term preservation of digital scientific documents produced by the university community.
5. Authors must submit their scientific or didactic papers to institutional repository during their activity period in the university, based on the decision of the University Senate.
6. Authors are encouraged to publish their works to publishing houses that allow self-archiving in the institutional repository with open access.
7. In case there are restrictions on copyright from publishers, authors are required to submit references and the abstract of their work to be included in the university's institutional repository.
8. University structures (departments, laboratories, science centers, etc.) that host and support scientific researches, the scientists that generate the research results, librarians and other interested persons are encouraged to promote rapid and efficient transition to open access publishing.
9. The stipulated provisions don't restrict the freedom of publication or research.
10. The Vice-Rector for scientific work and The Library Director will be responsible for interpreting this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, making changes based on recommendations from interested parts.
11. University Institutional policy on open access to information will be recorded in the form of institutional mandate ROARMAP (Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies) that authorizes open access to scientific researches results funded by public funds. Institutional Repository will be recorded in ROAR (Registry of Open Access Repositories).

This policy pursues to establish and implement an effective mechanism for the better management of scientific production of the university and to increase the visibility and accessibility of research results.

The institutional policy enters into force on the date of approval and is reviewed as required.