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## University of Luxembourg participates in the Open Access initiative

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The University has announced its intent to actively participate in the Open Access initiative, a worldwide movement aiming to make scholarly publications freely and openly available to anyone via the Internet.

As defined in the Budapest (2002), Bethesda (2003) and Berlin (2003) declarations on Open Access, OA is the immediate, online, free availability of research outputs without any restrictions on use commonly imposed by publisher copyright agreements.

Through the signature of a collaboration agreement with the University of Liège (ULg), the University of Luxembourg hopes to inspire its researchers to publish in Open Access in order to attain the success that the ULg has achieved with [ORBi](#), its digital repository: in just under 6 years, researchers at ULg have entered over 78,700 references, 60% with full-text. As stated in 2011 by [Bernard Rentier](#), Rector of ULg: *"Today ORBi is the most active institutional repository of its type in the world"*. For the month of March 2012 alone, ORBi has registered more than 104,000 consultations and more than 48,000 publication downloads.

This collaboration agreement will, through the transfer of knowledge and experience, strengthen the ties between the Universities, both partners in the University of the Greater Region project. It will, above all, provide the University of Luxembourg with its own digital repository, [ORBi<sup>lu</sup>](#).

### Finding results of research via Google

The benefits of such a tool are numerous. Besides the preservation aspects, it will increase access to what UL researchers are doing by making their scientific work more visible and more widely read and used. By putting in place its own repository, [ORBi<sup>lu</sup>](#), the University of Luxembourg hopes to significantly increase the worldwide impact of its scientific production and, in particular, to increase the number of citations of articles published by its researchers.

This increased visibility will open up, as well, new partnering opportunities. Once [ORBi<sup>lu</sup>](#) is in place - planned for the first quarter 2013 - the results of research performed at the University of Luxembourg will be available via a simple Google search.

Photo caption: University rectors Rolf Tarrach (left) from Luxembourg and Bernard Rentier from Liège signed the collaboration agreement on Thursday 10 May 2012 in Luxembourg.



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