

# The University of Namur mandate related to Open Access dissemination and submission of scientific publications in research deposits



The UNamur, following the Belgian mandate adopted by the F.R.S.-FNRS and the FWO, and confirming its public service mission in the access to and diffusion of knowledge,

## CONSIDERING

- its policy to make available scientific output financed integrally or partially by public funds, as soon and as widely as possible, without any financial obstacle,
- the Berlin Declaration, signed on November 6, 2003, by FWO, on February 6, 2004 by the F.R.S.-FNRS and on February 13, 2007 by its Rector, the Rectors of the other Belgian universities and the Belgian Ministers of scientific research;
- mandates related to the mandatory deposit already adopted by several Belgian universities;
- the European Commission recommendation of July 17, 2012 on access to, and preservation of scientific information,

## REQUIRES from all its members and all researchers working under its authority:

- to deposit, in the UNamur research deposit called PURE, a PDF copy of the final and integral version of all articles published in scientific journals and congress proceedings of which they are author, co-author or scientific editor, immediately after publication acceptance and no later than on the publication date;
- to make these texts integrally available for open access as promptly as possible and no later than 6 months after the publication date ( or 12 months for publications in the humanities and social sciences), to the extent this is permitted by third parties' copyrights, intellectual property rights or legitimate interests, such as non-disclosure agreements (as may be required by the funding agency or by the nature of the information);
- to enter in the UNamur research deposit PURE bibliographic references (metadata) concerning all scientific publications and communications they have (co-)authored under the authority of the UNamur, F.R.S.-FNRS or FWO.

Any publication and communication made from January 1, 2012 onwards shall have to comply with these requirements.

After a 6-months transitional period following the implementation of this mandate, the UNamur, F.R.S.-FNRS and FWO will only accept as valid the publications listed in PURE for the purpose of establishing an official publication list, e.g. for personal assessment or the granting of research funds.

Furthermore, the UNamur - with the other Belgian universities, as well as the F.R.S.-FNRS and FWO-encourages all the members of the research staff:

1. to retain copyright on all their publications resulting from research integrally or partially funded by public funds while granting a non-exclusive license to publishers;
2. to deposit all their publications made before January 1, 2012 in PURE, if possible integrally;
3. not to neglect the opportunity to publish in Open Access journals.