

# PEER – Publishing and the Ecology of European Research

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News release

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**PEER Usage Research Reports and Final Project report available at <http://www.peerproject.eu/reports/>**

Following the recent successful End of Project Results Conference, the following final reports from PEER are now available for download from the PEER website:

- *D5.2 PEER Usage study - Descriptive statistics for the period March to August 2011*
- *D5.3 PEER Usage study - Randomised controlled trial results*
- *D9.13 Final report*

The usage research studies were undertaken by CIBER Research Ltd to measure the effect of exposing accepted manuscripts (following peer review) in repositories on downloads of the version of record at publisher platforms. The study is the largest of its kind to date, involving over 18,000 manuscripts.

The PEER project, supported by the [EC eContentplus programme](#), aimed to investigate the effects of the large-scale, systematic depositing of authors' final peer-reviewed manuscripts (so called Green Open Access or stage-two research output) on reader access, author visibility, and journal viability, as well as on the broader ecology of European research.

All reports from the project including 'End of Project Statements by the PEER Executive Partners - Reflections on Open Access Scenarios' are available to download from <http://www.peerproject.eu/reports/>.

Presentations made during the End of Project Conference are available at: <http://www.peerproject.eu/peer-end-of-project-conference-29th-may-2012/>

If you have any questions or would like to request an interview with one of the participating partners, please contact Shira Tabachnikoff at [stabachnikoff@esf.org](mailto:stabachnikoff@esf.org)

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## About PEER:

PEER (Publishing and the Ecology of European Research), supported by the [EC eContentplus programme](#), is investigating the effects of the large-scale, systematic depositing of authors' final peer-reviewed manuscripts (so called Green Open Access or stage-two research output) on reader access, author visibility, and journal viability, as well as on the broader ecology of European research. The project is a collaboration between publishers, repositories and researchers and runs from September 2008 to May 2012

For further information on PEER, visit the website: <http://www.peerproject.eu/>

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