### What's up with openUP?



### UP and the Open Content movement

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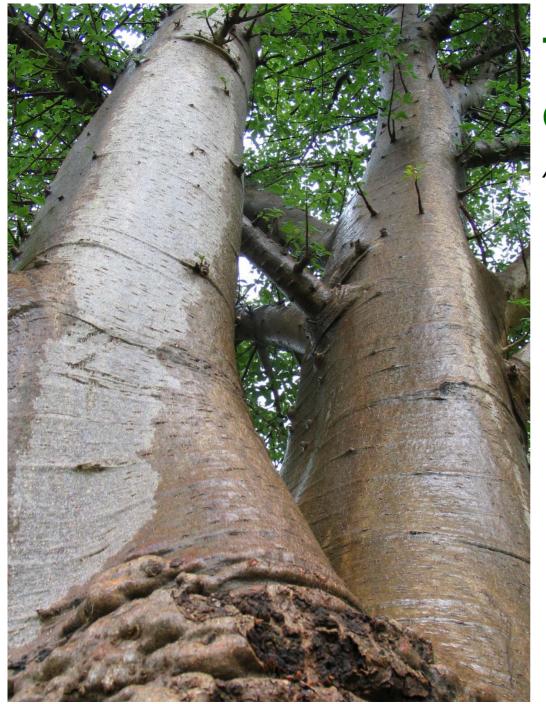
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#### What's up with openUP?

- •What is openUP?
- •Why is this necessary?
- •Why waste resources on what we already have?
- The value proposition
- •It forms part of our expression of open access/content
- Short term goals and strategy
- Long term vision and strategy
- Policy in the making
- YOUR ROLE





# The upside down tree

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The recent move to provide scientific and scholarly materials free through open access is one of the most exciting and radical events in in publishing recent years. Electronic publishing changed the way most scholars access literature in their field. Now open access is changing the way electronic materials is distributed. (McVeigh 2004)

#### What is openUP?

- openUP is the collection of e-prints of peer reviewed and published research articles by staff, students and other affiliates of the University of Pretoria.
- •Brought together on the UPSpace platform to make our research visible and accessible to the entire international research community,
- •in accordance with the philosophy and practice of *open* access and the copyright policies of the publishers.

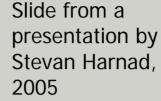


### Why is this necessary?

#### **Limited Access: Limited Research Impact**



Researchers write pre-refereeing "Pre-Print"





Submitted to Journal



..and the author signs away copyright to the publisher



Pre-Print reviewed by Peer Experts – "Peer-Review"

Pre-Print revised by article's Authors

Refereed "Post-Print"
Accepted, Certified, Published





Researchers can access the Post-Print if their university has a subscription to the Journal

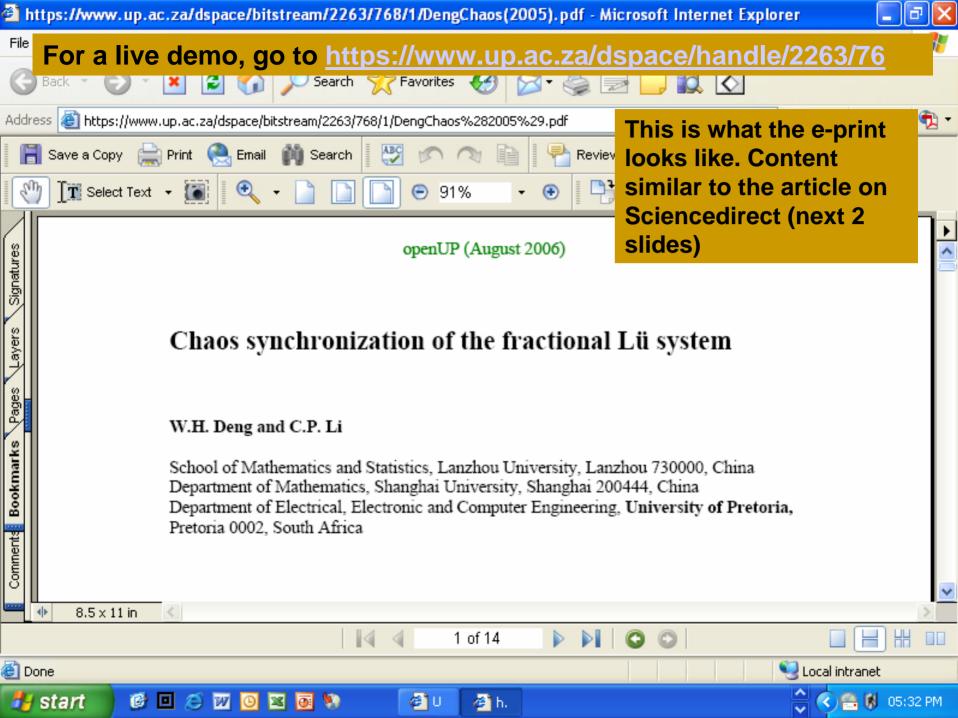


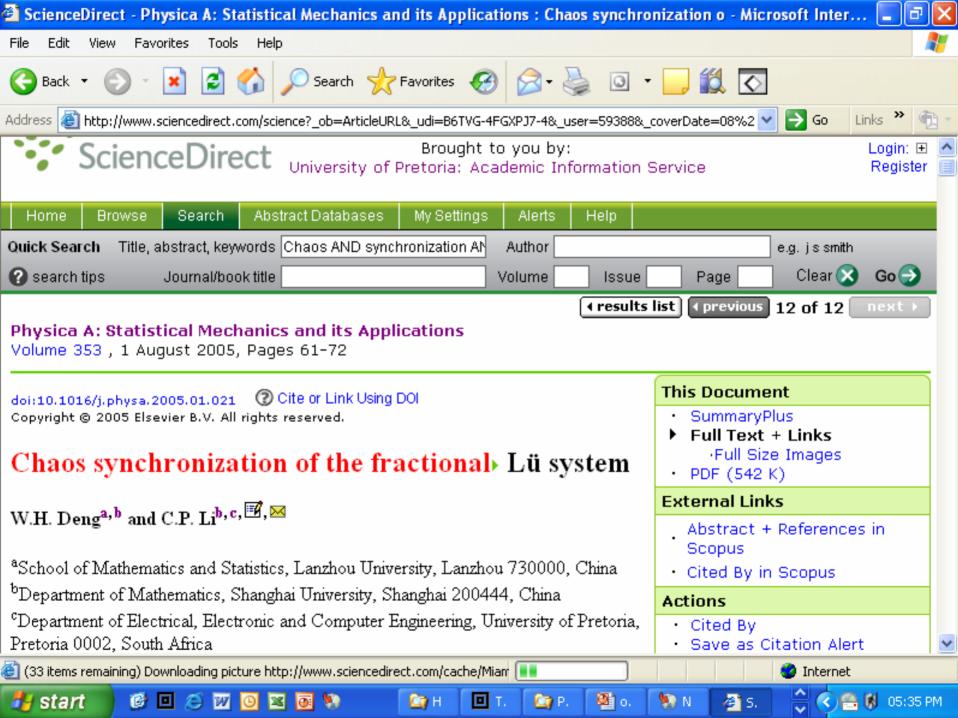
New impact cycles: New research builds on existing research

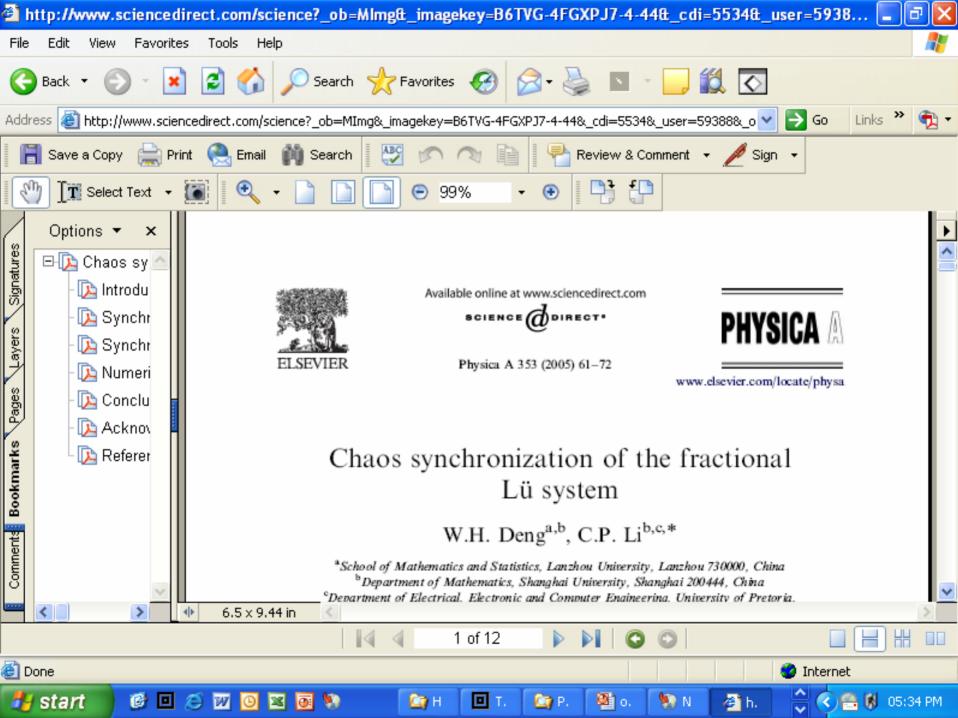


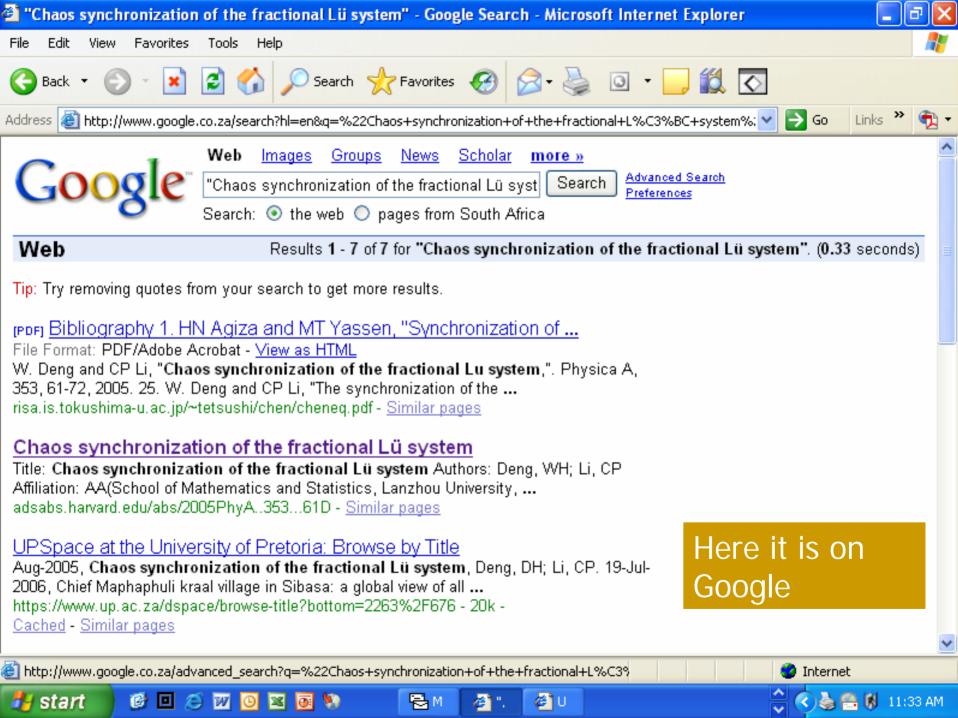
The university, who sponsored the research, now has to pay a high price to get access to its own research output and has no control over access and dissemination











### Two questions to get out of the way first

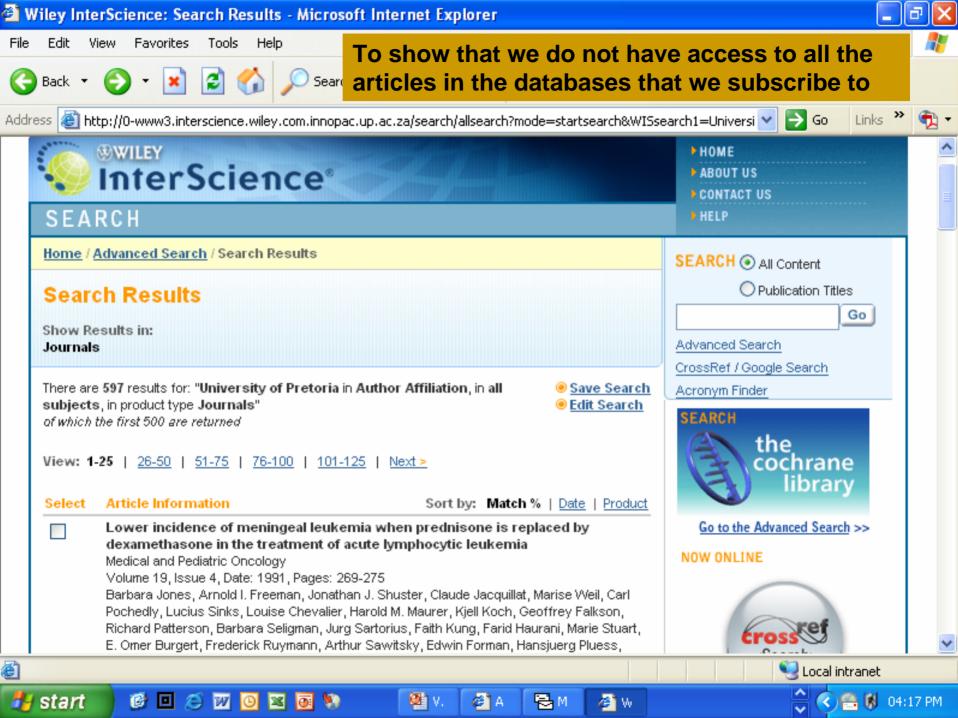
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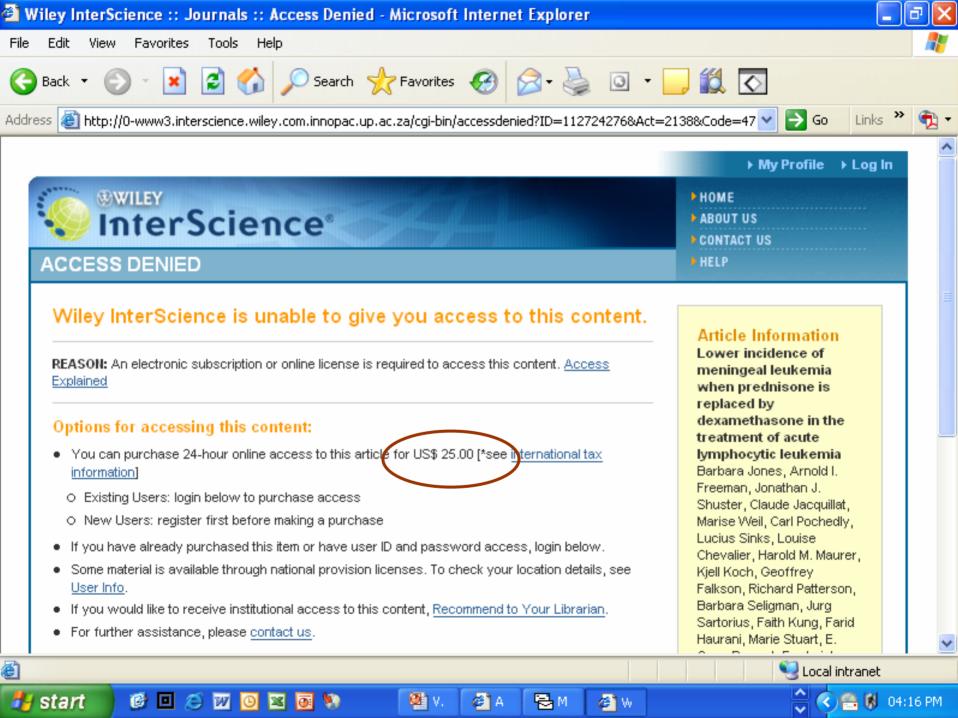
We do not have online access to everything we publish even though we may subscribe to the database.....

## My clients (I) already store their (my) articles on their (my) own websites

- •And what if they/you leave the university?
- •Are they/you complying with the copyright standards?







## openUP is part of our commitment to open access / open content

- Open access/open content is the name given to an international movement aimed at opening access to the international research output towards the advancement of science and providing equal opportunities to researchers worldwide.
- •It builds on the **philosophy** that the majority of research is done with public money and hence the public should have access to the results at no further cost. (Swan 2005)



## openUP is part of our commitment to open access / open content(2)

•It implies a new **business model** where the creators of knowledge retain copyright and take responsibility for the dissemination of their products and where the cost for access is borne at the beginning of the process.

#### TWO ROUTES

Gold: Publish in an open access journal

**Green**: Submit your articles to a repository



#### The Value of Open Access

**AUTHORS**: Visibility → usage (+25-300%), citation, impact → research progress, showcasing their achievements

**RESEARCHERS**: Text mining, fast tracking new research cycles

INSTITUTIONS: Consistent and controlled exposure → visibility, promotion, complete record of scholarship, interconnection of different objects, archiving, preservation, copyright savings, partnership with national and global initiatives

**READERS**: Access to all articles = selectivity advantage → able to use and cite the <u>best</u> and <u>most relevant</u> work

**COUNTRIES**: Better return on investment (Houghton 2006)

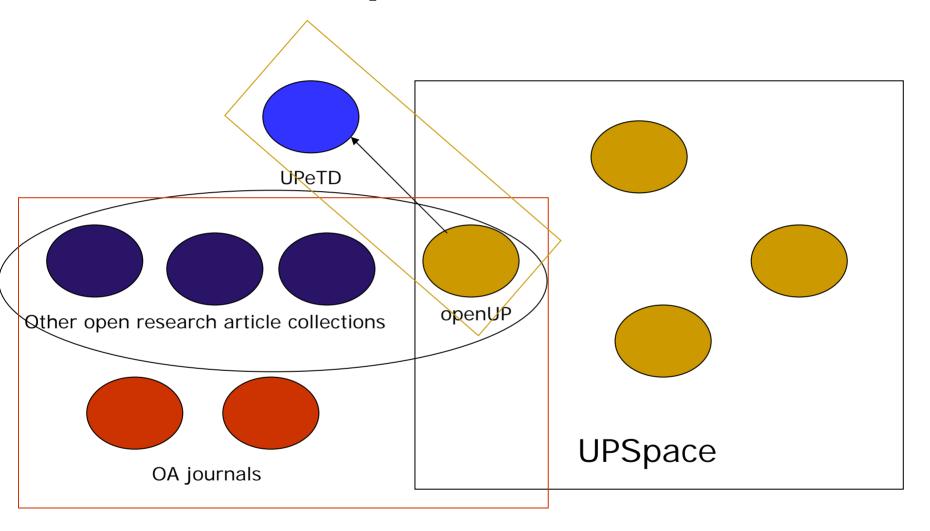


#### The Value of a repository (2)

An institutional repository focuses on developing, enhancing, and protecting the *value* in the creative output of the members of the sponsoring institution. It is expensive but "ignoring institutional repositories may turn out to be even more expensive than deploying them" (Blythe & Chachra 2006).



### Relationship with other collections



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#### Critical success factors

- 1. Participation by academic staff
- 2. Copyright management
- 3. Personal control = what's in it for them rather than what's in it for the university
- 4. Quality control = certification of the accuracy
- 5. Version control
- 6. Cost



#### Our short term goals: Year I

- To create momentum with regard to the population of the database
- To create awareness and appreciation amongst the UP community, in particular the research community
- To develop policies and workflow
- •500/1000 articles op openUP
- Open journals initiative launched
- One overlay journal (Faculty Veterinary Science?)



#### Our short term strategy: Year I

Philosophy: Multi-faceted strategy (ISA) to enable many small and big contributions leading to success

2005: 1298 articles

- •Bulk processing articles published by publishers with accommodating policies (Example: Elsevier, Blackwell, Springer, Wiley, T&F, Sage, OUP)
- •Fleshing out the Research Report (Example: journal and department InfSc)
- •Integrating with UPeTD (University of Pretoria Electronic Theses and Dissertations show example)
- Spreading the word: researchers, deans, Research Dept, principal, brochure

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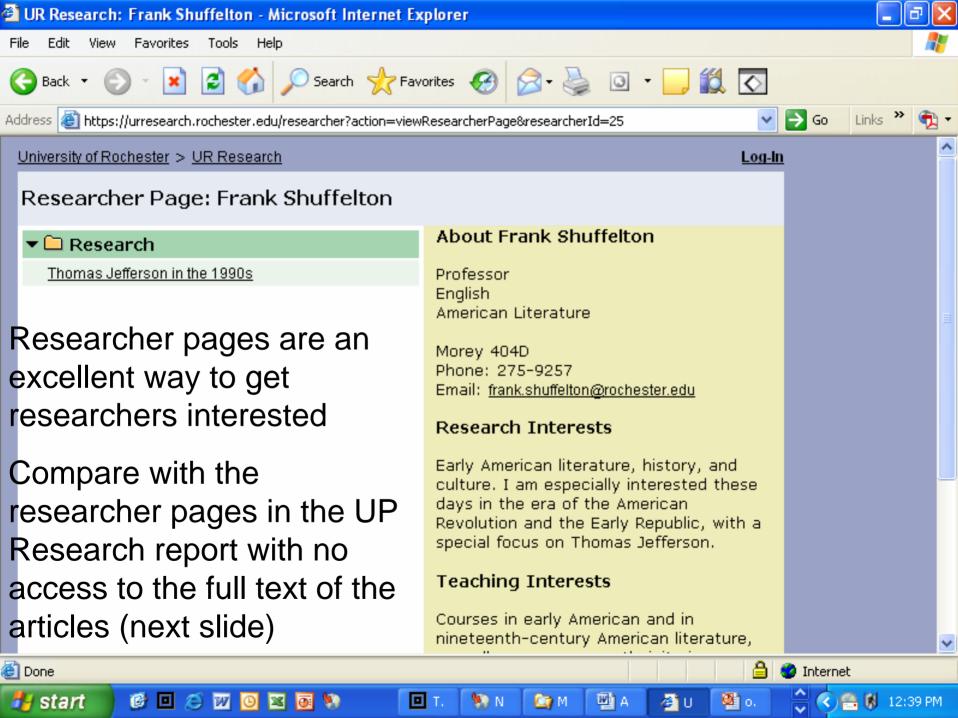


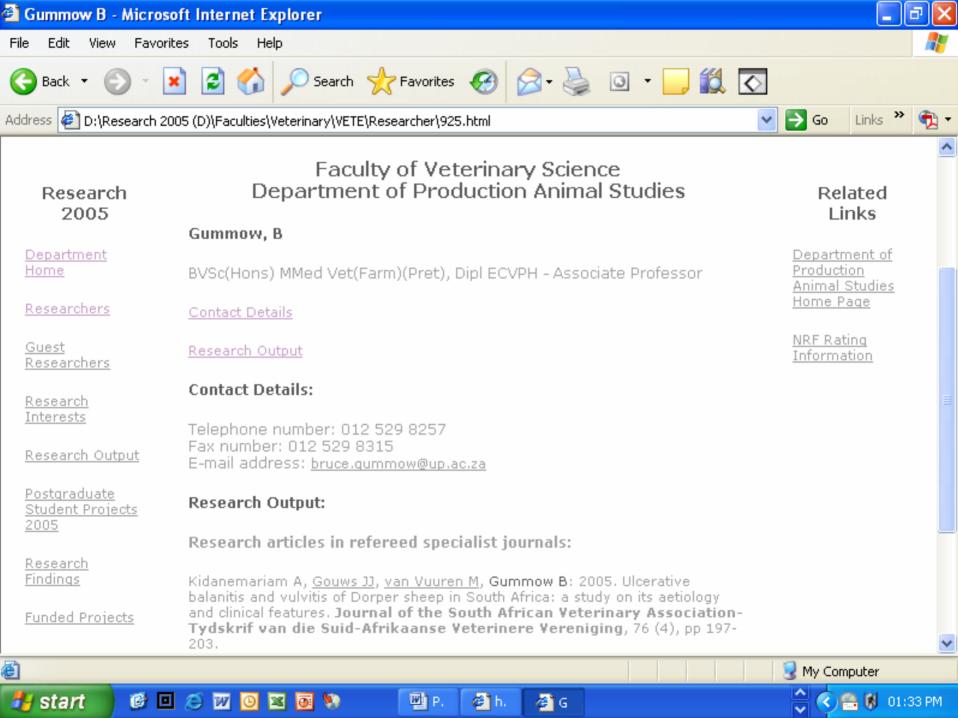
#### Our short term strategy: Year I (cont)

## Philosophy: Multi-faceted strategy (ISA) to enable many small and big contributions leading to success

- •Creating profiles for UP's top researchers (A-rated Wingfield, Van Onselen, Huismans), flagship institutes and other prominent persons (Prof Jansen..)
- Developing policies, procedures and workflow to deal with publishers with restrictive policies
- OA journals initiative







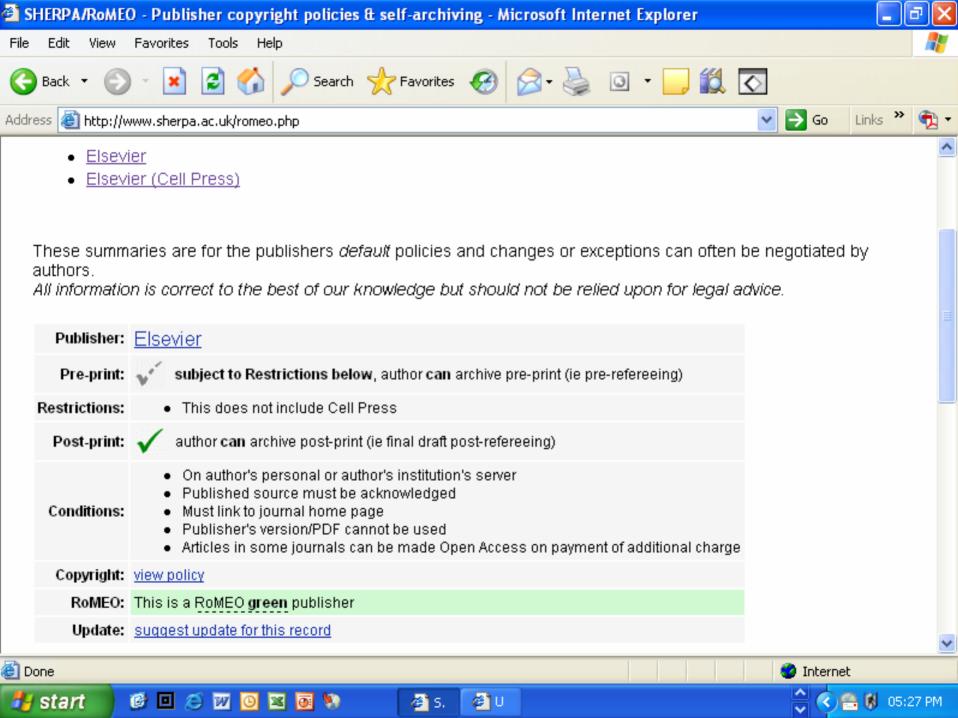
### Policy in the making

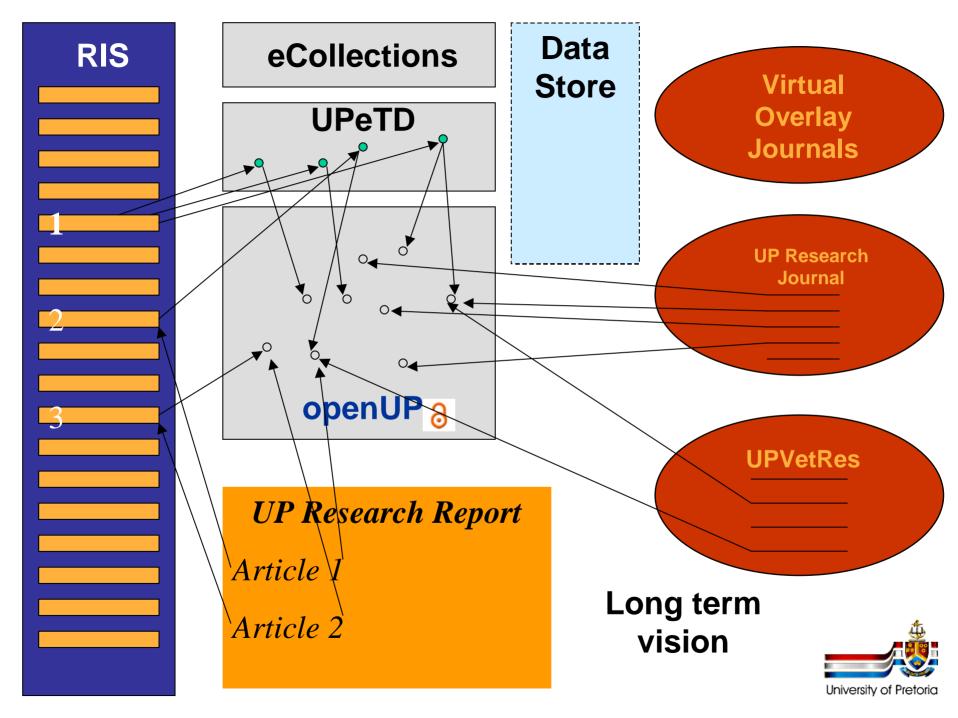
#### We build the road by walking it. Nogmaals!

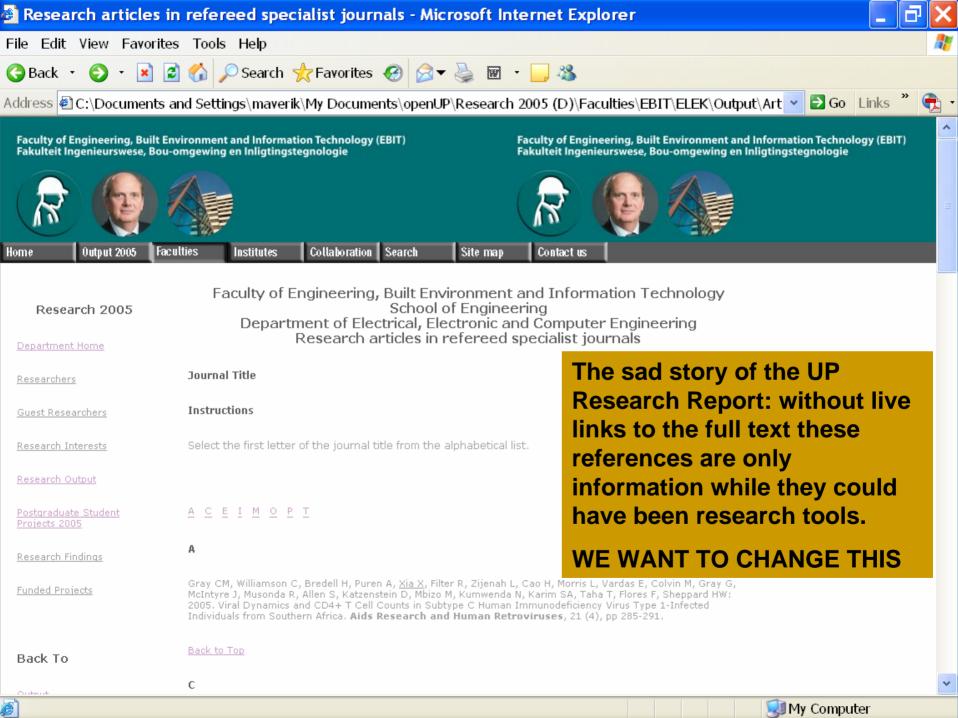
- •ONLY peer reviewed research articles are accepted in this collection, once the final corrected proof has been accepted. Preprints are not accepted at this stage.
- •ALL peer reviewed research articles on UPSpace have to be submitted here first and can be mapped to other. collections
- •We adhere to the copyright prescriptions of the publishers whenever it is available and we get permission when not.









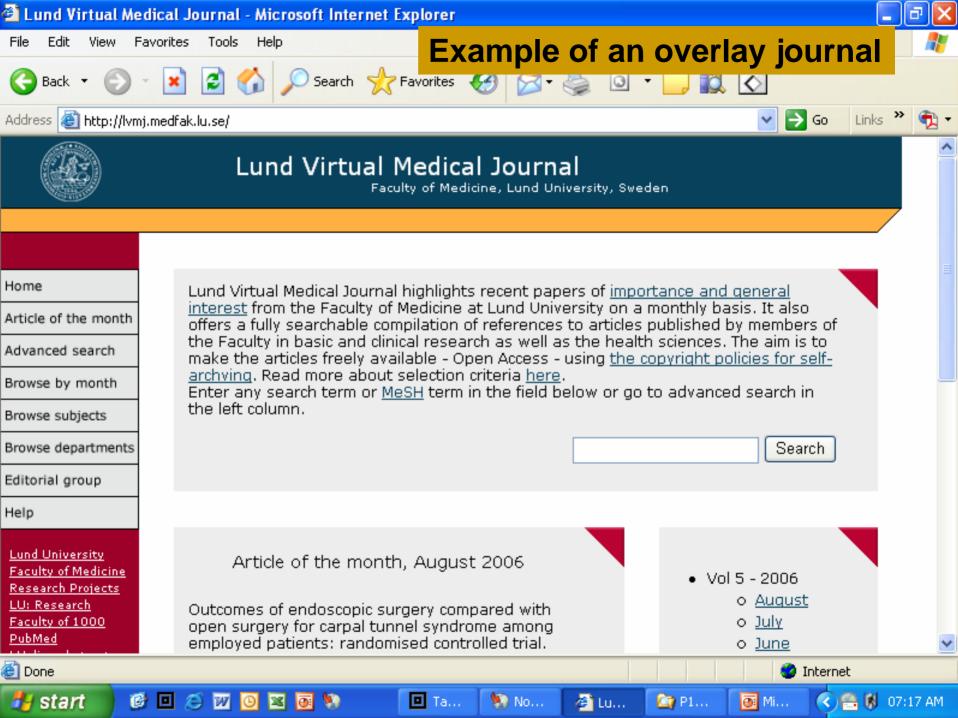


### longer term strategy: Years 2 and 3

- Convincing UP authors to self-archive
- Harvesting in appropriate products (OAIster)
- Register with Scopus, Scirus and Web Citation Index
- •Other scholarly items such as intreeredes, conference papers etc
- Lobbying for a policy of mandated contribution
- Lobbying for better copyright practice
- Creating an integrated view of UP research output: research system -->
- Virtual overlay publications







#### YOU ROLE AS STAFF MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY

- •Become informed and spread the message: colleagues and clients
- Link to the openUP web site (http://www.openup.up.ac.za)
- Collect articles from clients
- Submit at least one article per month
- Take responsibility for your departments' articles
- Take responsibility for your faculty's articles
- Become part of the steering committee



## YOU ROLE AS STAFF MEMBER OF THE UP RESEARCH COMMUNITY

- 1. Find out about Open Access
- 2. Contribute to openUP in one of the following ways
- The **gold** route: self-archive your articles according to our guidelines
  - The **red** route: send the final edited copy of your article to us with relevant information
  - The **blue** route: notify us as soon as your article has been accepted
- Publish in OA journals
- Retain your copyright





#### THANK YOU!

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