Where is the University of Pretoria?
- Founded in 1908
- One of the leading & largest universities
- 9 faculties & Business School
- Culturally diverse students
- Three official languages in use: Afrikaans, English and Sepedi
- Offers 230 qualifications
- In 2011 - 1343 postgraduate programmes
- 62 500 Students - 45 000 are contact students
- 1281 Permanent staff members

University of Pretoria, South Africa
The good...
UP embraced Open Access!

2000 UPeTD repository launched
2003 Mandatory submission policy for ETDs
2006 UPSpace repository launched
2007 Open Scholarship programme formalized
2009 Mandatory submission policy for research papers
Open Scholarship goal:
To change scholarship practice
@ UP
towards becoming
an Open Scholarship institution
1. Theses/dissertations are available online – policy based

http://upetd.up.ac.za/UPeTD.htm
2. Research articles are available online – policy based
3. Researchers publish in Open Access journals – with financial support
4. Researchers can manage their copyright
5. Policy statement: open access to research papers

1. To assist the University of Pretoria in providing open access to scholarly articles and conference papers resulting from research done at the University, and which are wholly or in part supported by public funding, staff and students are required to
   - submit peer-reviewed postprints* of their articles and published conference papers to UPSpace, the University’s institutional repository (https://www.up.ac.za/dspace/), AND
   - give the University permission to a) make the content freely available and b) to take necessary steps to preserve files in perpetuity.
6. Implementation team

- Capture new research output
- Check copyright policies
- Negotiate with publishers
- Obtain the correct version
- Submit items
- Manage the embargoes
- Follow: High tech-high touch approach
“Of all SA universities, Pretoria delivers the highest number of research articles, over 1600 2011 publications, of which 130, not entered by departments, were traced by the Open Scholarship Office in 2012. Without their invaluable assistance in locating these, our task would be measurably more difficult.” - UP Research Office

7. Campus partners
8. Campus champions
9. Library staff involvement
10. Ongoing advocacy
“It's great to see initiative for making research more accessible.” Theoni Photopoulou, University of St Andrews

“I think this service is wonderful, and really hope that it can be continued. Without it, it would be very difficult to publish in good quality open access journals.” Dr Anne-Marie Bergh

“Thank you very much for this interesting information! I was not aware of this new feature.” Gudrun Ditrich-Schroder

“If it was not for the support of your funding I am not sure that we would find the financing to publish on open access. Thanks for your support.” Prof John Soley
The bad...
1. Changes in UP Executive
2. Self-archiving behaviour of researchers
Post-print woes

“I'm sorry I can't find the version you want.”

“The disk where this last review manuscript was saved crashed.”

“I do not think that it is appropriate practice to make such "postprint" versions available for free access as the journal version is the only accepted one. In any case I do not have such a version of the paper.”

“I am afraid I simply do not keep anything once the paper is accepted - with some 200 papers I have neither the space nor the will.”
The ugly...
“Most lecturers dislike doing more work than our already enormous workload. I made my points at the original UPSpace meetings that the idea was poorly thought out and poorly implemented, with no real consultation with the academics. I see no benefits from having my work in yet another repository, especially when it is unedited and unfinished.”

“Surely keeping such an article is totally redundant when you have access to the finished paper - what ever could be the purpose of keeping a pre-publication format when the published is freely available?

“Why don't you buy the finished versions from the magazines instead of pestering us?”
On a positive note…openUP totals 8301!
Accessibility of UP research outputs

Access to research articles:
- Restricted: 4
- Embargoed: 217
- Open Access: 8080

Access to ETDs:
- Restricted: 32
- Embargoed: 234
- Campus access: 418
- Open Access: 7089
On a positive note…let the statistics do the talking!
Research articles are highly viewed!
“It always seems impossible until it’s done”
- Nelson Mandela

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