On the gold road to OA

Benefits from SOAP for the Helmholtz Association

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HELMHOLTZ ASSOCIATION

• contributes to solving grand challenges with cutting-edge research
• developing and operating complex infrastructure and large-scale facilities for the national and international scientific community
• creating wealth for society and industry by knowledge transformation and innovation
OPEN ACCESS IN HELMHOLTZ

• 2003: signing of the *Berlin Declaration*

• 2004: recommendation by the Assembly of Members

• 2005: start of the Helmholtz OA project

• 2006: establishment of a coordination office

• since 2008: priority initiative *Digitale Information*
FOUR WORK PACKAGES

• awareness

• green OA (repositories)

• gold OA (journals)

• OA to research data
GOLD OA IN HELMHOLTZ

- founders and editors of OA journals
- cooperation with Springer
- single contracts with APS, IOP, et al.
- partner in SCOAP3
- institutional publishing
- building a gold OA strategy
THE SOAP RESULTS...

• have translated „feelings“ in „facts“

• allow us a detailed insight into OA publishing

• provide a detailed insight into scientists’ views
How easy was it to obtain funds?

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SCIENTIST'S WISHLIST

• What actions should the Helmholtz Association implement to promote gold OA?

  >> central budget for OA fees
  >> bonus for scientists, who are publishing gold OA
  >> granting of funds with OA obligation

source: internal communications with Helmholtz OA editors
THE SOAP RESULTS...

• give us a good basis for the further development of our gold OA strategy

• give us a useful basis for further dialog with publishers
THANK YOU

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