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**ALLEA Activity Open Access and Scholarly Publishing**  
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## Background

- ▶ Almost all Member Academies are also scholarly publishers;
- ▶ ALLEA survey 2009 will create overview over state-of-the-art (formats; publishing in national language; distribution; Open Access policies etc.)
- ▶ Joint ALLEA-PAN conference (May 2010): working title *“Transparency in science, open access, and publication bias”*



## **Case Study: Humanities**

### **Characteristics**

- ▶ Publishing of journals in mother tongue
- ▶ Publishing of monographs, edited volumes, series, conference proceedings
- ▶ Almost all Member Academies

### **Problems**

- ▶ Not always peer-reviews (quality control)
- ▶ Difficulties in access (distribution; language)
- ▶ No commonly agreed reference databases



## Case Study: Humanities

### European Reference Index for the Humanities (ERIH)

- ▶ 15 international panels in disciplinary areas of the Humanities establish lists of journals that conform to quality criteria (incl.: peer review)

### Problems

- ▶ So far: only journals, not monographs, conferences etc.
- ▶ So far underrepresentation of Central and Eastern Europe
- ▶ So far no pro-active encouragement to Open Access



## **Elements for an ALLEA Activity on Scholarly Publishing and Open Access**

Following the survey, **joint actions** can be identified, for example:

- ▶ **Quality assurance: workshop** on best practice in scientific publishing to prepare journals for full Open Access (capacity building: share experiences; exchange with other networks); other publications could follow;
- ▶ **Understanding of the core issues: conference (prepared by PAN and ALLEA for May 2010: “Transparency in science, open access, and publication bias”)**.
- ▶ **Awareness raising: workshops** with scholars (in the Sciences and especially in the Humanities) to explain the benefits and difficulties of Open Access publishing (perhaps **region specific**: Central and Eastern Europe);
- ▶ **Cost models: exchange** with existing OA publishers’ (for journals and monographs) to identify appropriate cost models;



## **Elements for an ALLEA Activity on Scholarly Publishing and Open Access (related areas)**

Ensure constant flow of updated information on relevant projects, such as:

- ▶ **Research data** management and policies (link: ethics project <research integrity> and new project <research infrastructures>)
- ▶ OA in the other fields of scholarly publishing (**monographs**; open reviews; linkage between publication and raw data);
- ▶ **Digital repositories** (institutional or field specific), **research information systems** and publications;
- ▶ **National languages** as languages of research / science (or reduced to Social Sciences and Humanities?)  
**translation** funds for scientific works?