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OPEN ACCESS POLICY **OF ALECU RUSSO BĂLȚI STATE UNIVERSITY**

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Alecu Russo Balti State University appreciates strategic importance of Open Access to information for dissemination of scientific knowledge in the spirit of the Open Access Initiative promoted by the Budapest Open Access Initiative (2002); The Bethesda Statement on Open Access Publishing (2003); Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities (2003); Code on science and innovation of the Republic of Moldova (2004); Binding principles on public access to the results of researches funded by the European Research Council (European Research Council) (2008); The pilot project of the European Commission (Science in Society) in the Framework Programme for Research (FP7) (2008).

Electronic publication of research results offers the opportunity and the obligation to share ideas and discoveries freely with the scientific community and the general public. Scientific literature constitutes a vital element in the research and scientific process. Breaking down the barriers of access to scientific publications realized in the USARB will place the fundamentals for effective scientific communication, will enhance the education and will provide greater visibility and measurable of research activity.

Being a global movement, Open Access supports the circulation of information and ideas without financial, legal, or technical barriers.

Open Access (OA) provides free, immediate and online access to the results of scholarly research, as well as the right to use and reuse these results. It guarantees transformation of scientific communication and discussion of scientific results.

The only restriction on reproduction and distribution of documents is linked to the author's right to have control over the integrity of his work and to be recognized and properly cited.

Open Access has the goal to benefit from international content and to ensure local content creation and distribution. USARB is interested in the promotion of a new Open Access paradigm, in order to provide more benefits to science and society.

The Publications of researchers from "Alecu Russo" Balti State University, the Republic of Moldova, will have a higher visibility, impact and prestige within national and international scientific community, will increase ranking of university worldwide.

Open Access will improve the dissemination of research results achieved in the framework of the USARB.

Objectives:

- Providing long-term administration and preservation of digital scientific documents produced by the university community;
- Ensuring the widest possible access to scientific output of the university.

Considering the provision of the Republic of Moldova no. 982 of 11 May 2000 regarding access to information and the Commission Recommendation 2011/711 / EU of October 2011 on digitization and online accessibility of cultural material and digital preservation, Alecu Russo Balti State University of Moldova engages to disseminate the results of the researches funded by public funds and by projects based on the principles of open access, to encourage researchers to show their support for Open Access publishing of their articles in open access journals and to submit their works to OPEN RESEARCH ARCHIVE (ORA) Institutional Repository containing scientific papers (doctoral theses, conferences, symposiums materials, scientific research results), didactic and methodological works.

We intend to:

- encourage researchers - grant winners financed from the budget and projects to publish their work in accordance with the principles of the Open Access paradigm;
- develop means and ways of assessing the contribution to Open Access achievement in order to maintain quality standards.

Fundamental strategies of OA Policy :

1.The implementation of Open Access to scientific and didactic publications through two complementary methods: self-archiving in Open Research Archive (ORA USARB) Institutional Repository of the university and the university journals registration in international records/directories (DOAJ – Directory of Open Access Journals etc.).

2.Establishment and development of Institutional Repository that will integrate most representative works from all areas of scientific and didactic activity: scientific articles, monographs, dissertations, conference proceedings, methodological and teaching materials, etc...

3. USARB mandates the Scientific Library the coordinator and the executor of the process of creating and developing Institutional Repository ORA USARB, and the scientific product placement in Open Access.

4. The authors from Alecu Russo Balti State University will submit their scientific or didactic papers developed by research projects, funded wholly or partially by the state throughout their activity at the university.

5. The Policy requires that all scientific publications, which are funded by the state or grant financial support be included in the ORA USARB Institutional Repository on the date of publication or, in case of embargo, within six months after publication.

6.Based on contracts between authors and Scientific Library, the former agree to distribute published materials in Open Access on condition that they should not be used in order to obtain profit. The rights offered to the Scientific Library represent an irrevocable license in accordance with copyright.

7. Authors are encouraged to publish their works to publishing houses that allow self-archiving in the institutional repository with Open Access.

8. In case there are restrictions on copyright from publishers, the authors are obliged to submit bibliographic references and abstract of their work to the Scientific Library, Information Bibliographical Research Service, to be included in the university's institutional repository.

9. Researchers from all academic subdivisions (departments, laboratories, scientific centers, Scientific Library), and others are encouraged to promote the responsiveness and effectiveness with publication in open access.

10.The Vice-Rector for scientific work and the Scientific Library Director will be responsible for interpreting this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, making changes based on recommendations from interested parts.

11. USARB Institutional policy on open access to information will be recorded in the form of institutional mandate ROARMAP (Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies) that authorizes open access to scientific researches results funded by public funds. Institutional Repository will be recorded in ROAR (Registry of Open Access Repositories).

12. The Scientific Library will ensure the Institutional Repository-ORA USARB operations and will report annually to the Senate .

13. The Department for scientific/research activity will monitor the compliance of this policy with the interests of authors.

14.The Institutional Policy has an immediate effect and enters into force on the date of approval and will be reviewed after three years.