Dear Colleague

As a friend of Open Access, I am inviting you to attend

**Berlin 2 Open Access: Steps Toward Implementation of the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and the Humanities**

a follow-up working meeting on the implementation of the recommendations in the Berlin Declaration. The meeting will be hosted by CERN in Geneva and will take place on **12 and 13 May** this year.

Signatories to the Berlin Declaration committed themselves to take actions within their organizations, to strengthen open access. The principal aim of this meeting is to discuss the steps that institutions must take in order to implement these actions. There will be invited lectures on key aspects of implementation, such as copyright law, and reports on the steps that signatories have taken so far. The heart of the meeting will be a series of working groups devoted to formulating realistic action plans that can assist all signatories to move further toward the goals of the Declaration. Some notes about the plan of the meeting are attached. A full program will be circulated before the end of April. As you will see in the notes, we hope you will give us some input to help us formulate the detailed program.

The conference is primarily a working meeting among the signatories. CERN has offered to host the meeting because it will sign the Berlin Declaration during the meeting. I am inviting you to attend in order to share your viewpoint and experiences with us. We are very interested in building bridges to other groups active in the open access movement.

The organization of the meeting is being coordinated by the Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics (Albert Einstein Institute), founder of the *Living Reviews* family of e-journals. Full details of the meeting are on the website [http://www.zim.mpg.de/openaccess-cern](http://www.zim.mpg.de/openaccess-cern). While participants are asked to cover their own expenses, the Max Planck Society may be able to provide limited assistance with travel expenses for participants who are coming from outside Europe.

Time is short: this meeting takes place only a month from now. We want to take advantage of this opportunity to bring CERN, one of the most distinguished European research institutions, into our group of signatories. We also feel that the meeting should take place before the summer, in order to maintain the momentum and enthusiasm of our first meeting in Berlin last October. ([http://www.zim.mpg.de/openaccess-berlin/](http://www.zim.mpg.de/openaccess-berlin/))

I very much hope that you will be able to join us at CERN and work with us to formulate further concrete steps toward our common goal of ensuring that all individuals, around the world, have open access to knowledge in the sciences and in the humanities.

Yours sincerely

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