



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCOAP3

Whereas, the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries understands the enormous budgetary struggles its members face due to ongoing price increases for scholarly journals, and

Whereas, ASERL believes that the promise of free public access to scholarly content offered by open-access publishing must be balanced with the financial realities of producing peer-reviewed publications, and

Whereas, few viable models currently exist for self-sustaining open access publications in the long term, and

Whereas, the global scholarly community of physicists seeks to build on the success of its ArXiv repository to create a process for supporting the production of peer-reviewed journals and increasing access to physics data via SCOAP3, and

Whereas, the SCOAP3 concept offers a possible means for ensuring predictability and some control over the costs for supporting the peer review process and other tasks needed to produce a group of seven key journals in the field of high energy physics, therefore

Be it resolved that the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries believes SCOAP3 is an important and useful experiment to test the feasibility of a new method for supporting the production costs for set of open access publications, and further

Be it resolved that the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries urges its members to carefully review the SCOAP3 concept and give serious consideration to offering an expression of support for SCOAP3 to help the investigatory process continue.

So witnessed on this fourth day of April 2008:

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