

Changes in the future editions

The July 2017 edition of the Ranking Web of Repositories was cancelled after discovering many entries with a large number of webpages, exceeding several times the global output of the institution. After inspection, we realized the individual records (papers, thesis, chapters) were producing a very large number of webpages (different entries for authors, collection, keywords), so it was impossible to use the "Presence" indicator as a proxy of institutional commitment to the open access initiatives. It is not clear if this is an intended action or it is a result of using new (?) management software, but its impact is so important that radical actions were needed. (Updated 30 October 2017: The Ranking of Repositories has been cancelled definitively).

Regarding the Ranking Web of Universities, we decided (July 2017 edition) to reduce the weight of the presence indicator from previous 10% to only 5% in order to limit the impact of the big repos on the global ranking of the universities. However, as several repositories are now amounting for several hundreds of thousands webpages (duplicate contents, abstracts only, salami documents, news archives, non-scientific items), a stronger measure is required for future editions.

For now and having effect on January 2018 edition, we are considering giving value equals to zero (=0) in the Presence indicator to those universities with a repository representing more than one third of their total size of their domain (number of webpages according to Google). This will be marked as rank 88888.

For now and having effect on January 2018 edition, we are considering giving value equals to zero (=0) in the Openness indicator to those universities with a Journal (or group, department, project, faculty, university or similar non-personal) profile in the Top 10 Google Scholar profiles of their institutional or email-domain filtered profiles. This will be marked as rank 77777.

(Updated 30 October 2017. Further changes can be applied in new revisions before next edition)