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the Open Archives Initiative

The Open Archives Initiative develops and promotes interoperability standards that aim to facilitate the efficient dissemination of content. The Open Archives Initiative has its roots in an effort to enhance access to e-print archives as a means of increasing the availability of scholarly communication. Continued support of this work remains a cornerstone of the Open Archives program. The fundamental technological framework and standards that are developing to support this work are, however, independent of the both the type of content offered and the economic mechanisms surrounding that content, and promise to have much broader relevance in opening up access to a range of digital materials. As a result, the Open Archives Initiative is currently an organization and an effort explicitly in transition, and is committed to exploring and enabling this new and broader range of applications. As we gain greater knowledge of the scope of applicability of the underlying technology and standards being developed, and begin to understand the structure and culture of the various adopter communities, we expect that we will have to make continued evolutionary changes to both the mission and organization of the Open Archives Initiative.

The **Santa Fe convention of the Open Archives Initiative is currently undergoing a major revision** as a result of:

- The experiences obtained with the implementation of the original [Santa Fe convention](#);
- The emerging interest for the application of Santa Fe convention-concepts as a general interoperability framework for resources outside the domain of e-prints, where the Open Archives Initiative had its origine.

A special [technical meeting](#) of the Open Archives Initiative has been held on September 7-8 2000 at Cornell University. As a result of this meeting, a more stable and refined agreement will be published by January 2001.

The revised interoperability specifications will describe a metadata harvesting protocol, applicable in a wide range of scholarly contexts, not only in the e-print domain. The [report](#) on the technical meeting describes how the new specifications will be different from the current Santa Fe specifications.

On November 1st 2000, an [alpha-test](#) of the new specification has been launched. Beta specifications are expected in December 2000, while the publication of the new specifications is scheduled for January 2001.

Therefore, it is advised not to start an implementation of the current Santa Fe Convention specifications without contacting openarchives@openarchives.org.

Upcoming Meetings

OAI Open Day for the US

- January 23rd 2001, Washington DC, Renaissance Hotel.
- Central to this meeting is the public dissemination of the new OAI specifications in the US.
- [Agenda for the meeting and registration facilities.](#)

OAI Open Day for Europe

- First quarter 2001, Berlin.
- Central to this meeting is the public dissemination of the new OAI specifications in Europe.
- Agenda for the meeting and registration facilities will be available end November 2000.

Related Events

Workshop on the Open Archives Initiative and Peer Review journals in Europe

- Geneva, March 22 till 24 2001.
- An initiative of the Access Division of [LIBER](#).
- [Announcement](#) of the meeting, including goals, draft agenda and registration form.

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