

Working for an open e- *publishing service* to improve grey literature editorial quality

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Background of the study

- **Advantages in the development of e-Publishing service**
- Sustainable economic model based on Open source technologies
- Enhancement of the editorial quality of “in-house” publications
- “Second life” for previously paper-based Grey documents
- New opportunities to manage and diffuse research outputs
- Providing services that researchers understand, need and value
- Suitable for Humanities and Social Science (locally-oriented and mainly monograph-based)



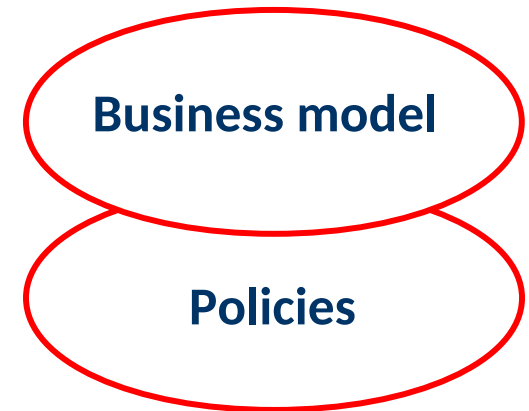
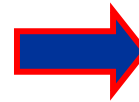
New role of Academic and Research Libraries in the co-management and integration of different services?

(Repositories, Digitization initiatives, Digital preservation)

Aims

Analysis of CNR Institutes' editorial production

- type of products
- editorial quality
- technology used
- type of distribution
- access and discovery



Improve editorial quality of in-house scientific publications



Increase availability of scholarly research outputs at a reasonable costs

Methods

Source of analysis: CNR Research Institutes website

Data analysed: products published in-house and/or in collaboration with commercial publishers

Type of analysis: qualitative

- ✱ Identification of current and ceased products with a minimal set of editorial elements (i.e.: series title and/or number);
- ✱ Classification of products according to their level of innovation in content management
- ✱ Identification of the business model
- ✱ Identification of a set of indicators to measure products' editorial quality

Period of analysis: data was gathered in September 2012

Survey design

DEPARTMENTS	Number of Institutes	I	A	Z	X
Earth & environment	13	2	3	8	0
Agriculture & food	10	1	2	7	0
Biomedical sciences	17	0	0	7	10
Chemistry & materials techn. sciences	14	0	0	7	7
Physics sciences	14	0	2	5	7
Engineering & ICT	21	1	7	12	1
Social sciences & humanities	20	6	8	5	1
Total	109	10	22	51	26

Criteria for the selection of the Institutes:

I = CNR Institutes that manage its in-house scientific production in an innovative way
A = CNR Institutes that manage its in-house production applying an editorial control that includes at least a standardized series title and number



Analyzed Institutes

Z = CNR Institutes that produce GL without applying any editorial control
X = CNR institutes that have no GL production



Excluded Institutes

The data

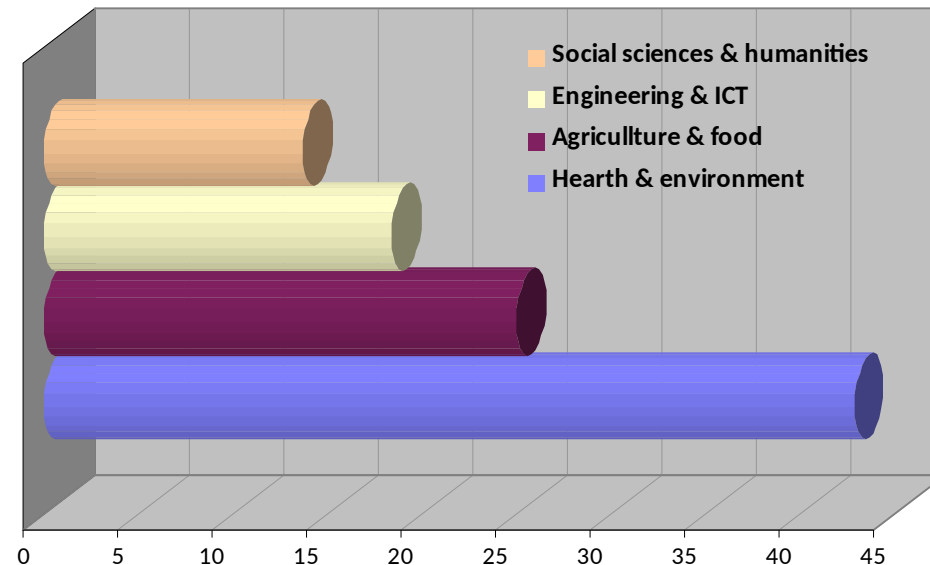
■ 106 products analyzed:

■ 87 traditional products

■ 19 digital products

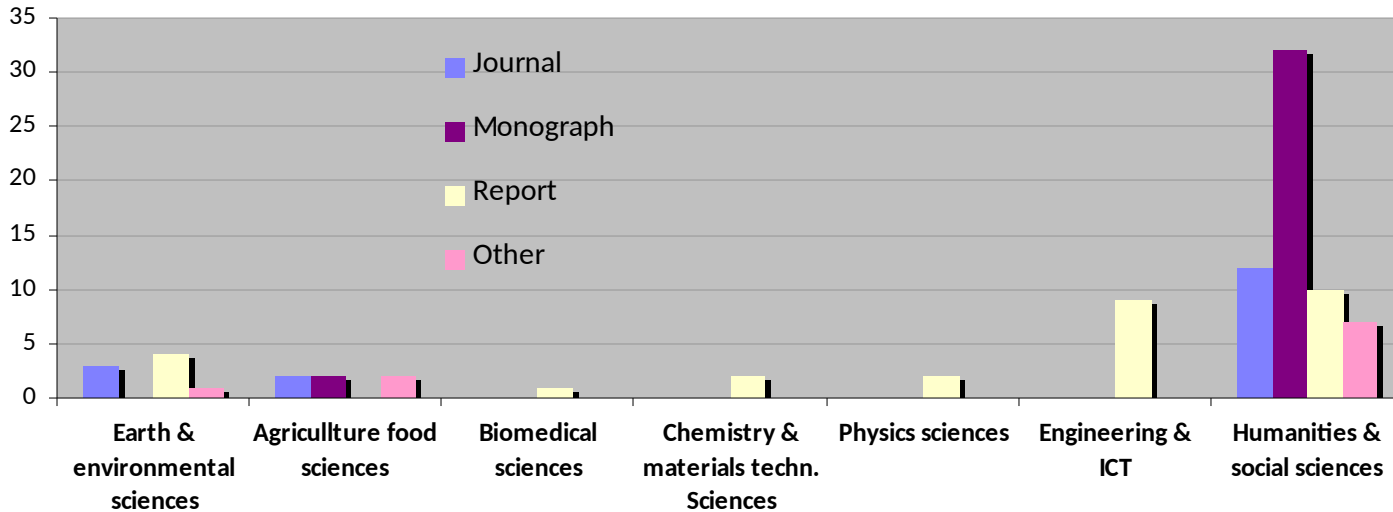
DEPARTMENTS	Number of editorial product	Traditional product (A)	Digital product (I)
Hearth & environment	14	8	6
Agriculture & food	8	6	2
Biomedical sciences	1	1	0
Chemistry & materials techn. Sciences	0	0	0
Physics sciences	2	2	0
Engineering & ICT	11	9	2
Social sciences & humanities	70	61	9
Total	106	87	19

Digital products
by department (%)

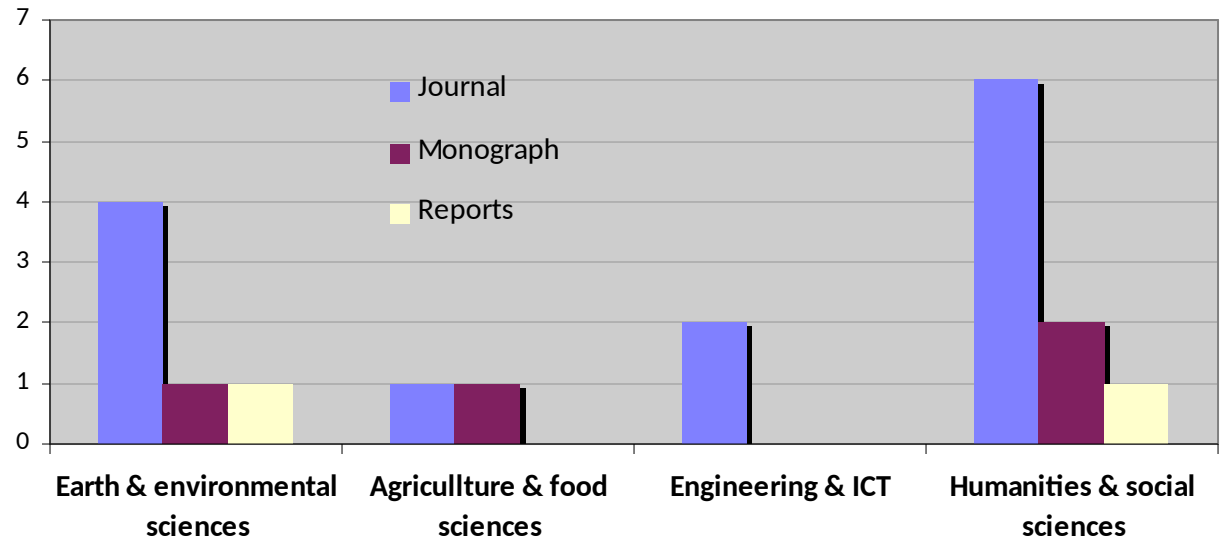


Traditional and online publishing

Traditional editorial products



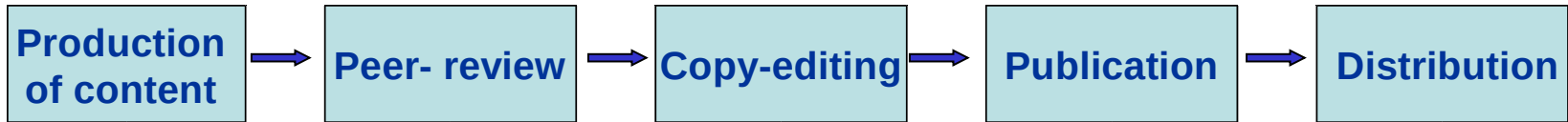
Digital products



Traditional and long-standing CNR collections



Analysis of the business process



NO Linear process:

Depending on the business model adopted
on the organisational framework

on the type of products

on the access policies

on the evaluation strategies

on the technology used

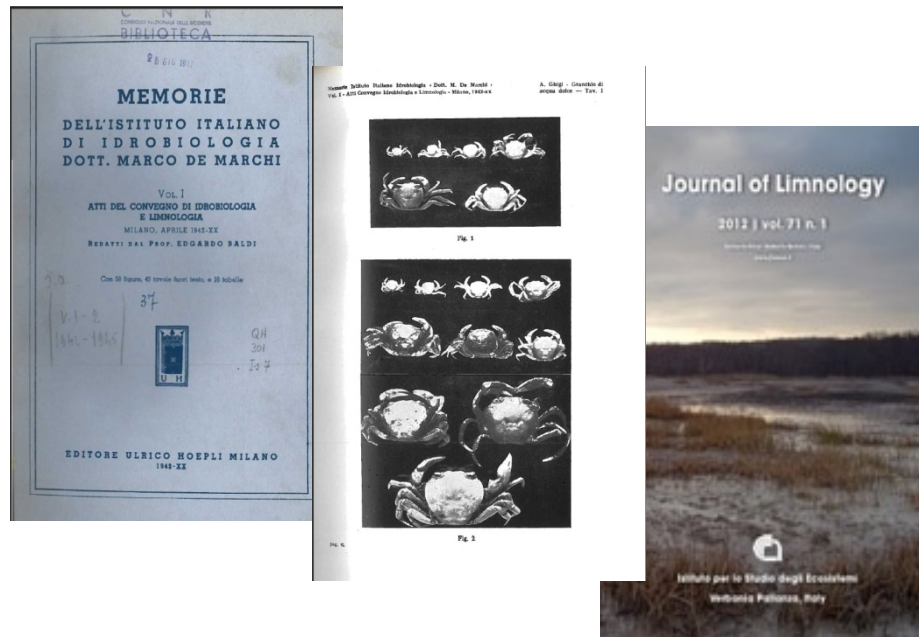
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.... Some examples

Some characteristics of digital products (= 19)

Production & Diffusion		%
In-house		68.4
Partially in-house		26.3
<i>National commercial publisher (for print distribution)</i>		<i>52.6</i>
International Commercial publisher		5.3
Access policies		
Full OA		78.9
Delayed OA		10.5
Open access online/Subscription for print		5.3
Subscription/online & print		5.3
Technology used		
Content management system		63.2
Open source electronic publishing system		31.6
Publisher'platform		5.3
Copyright & Licensing		
Yes		78.9
Not available		21.1
Peer review		
Yes		68.4
Not available		31.6
Scientific-committee and editorial board		
Yes		73.7
Not available		26.3
International standard codes		
Yes		78.9

From traditional to digital products 1)



*From a high quality GL to
an OA journal*

Business model:

In-house production

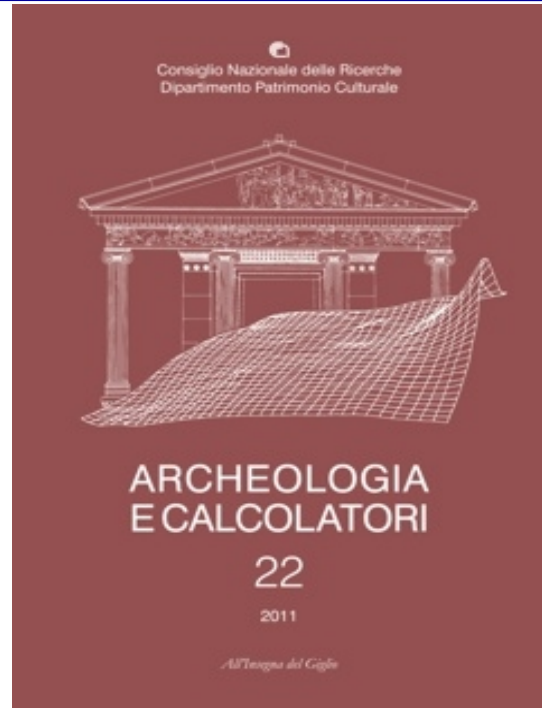
Peer-reviewed Journal

External copy-editing

Full OA from 1999

OJS platform

From traditional to digital products 2)



***OAISistema** based on
OAI-PMH standard*

Business model:

In-house production

Peer-reviewed Journal

e-publishing system locally developed

Full OA, since 2004

From traditional to digital products 3)



*From paper-based
to electronic journal*

Business model:

International disciplinary community

Peer-reviewed Journal

International commercial publisher

From traditional to e-publishing service 4)

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Business model:

In-house production & distribution

Peer-review: internal evaluation for WPs, external for Monographs

Full OA

OJS platform



Conclusions

Editorial products

- ❖ In-house products vary according to disciplinary fields
- ❖ In Science and Humanities the highest number of traditional editorial products
- ❖ Digital products are concentrated in Earth and Environmental Sciences

Business models

- ❖ Disciplinary fields do not influence the business model
- ❖ The adoption of new technologies does not depend on the disciplinary field, but is influenced by a long tradition in editorial production

Editorial quality

- ❖ Stability, visibility, adoption of bibliographic and editorial standards increase the quality of both traditional and digital products