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### **Support for the Budapest Open Access Initiative**

Since the Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI) was released on 14 February 2002, over 100 organizations and 2,000 individuals have joined the original signatories to commit to promoting open access to peer-reviewed journal literature. Support from library associations is already strong. ARL signed the Initiative, as did the Canadian Association of Research Libraries, the Medical Library Association, the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries, the Greater Western Library Alliance, the Utah Academic Library Consortium, SPARC, SPARC Europe, the Council of Australian University Librarians, and the Council of New Zealand University Librarians. University support is also strong. Among the early signatories are the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), the Australian Vice Chancellors Committee, plus a growing number of individual universities.

To see the complete and current roster of signatories who are committed to the goal of open access, see the BOIA Web site <<http://www.soros.org/openaccess/>>. The Web site also provides extensive explanatory information and links to other resources, including a very useful "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) document. [Excerpts from the FAQ](#) appear on the following pages, however, readers are encouraged to consult the complete document <<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/boaifaq.htm>>. The FAQ is one of the most usefully linked documents your editors have ever discovered on the Web.

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