



SPARC

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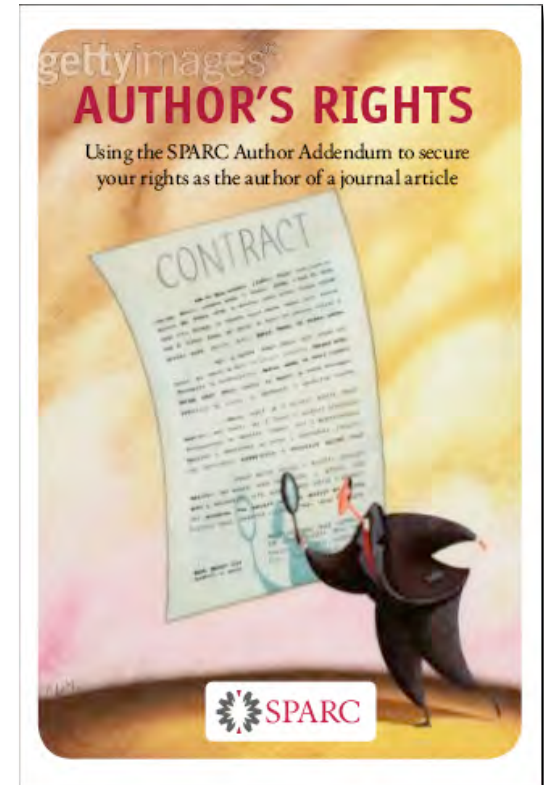
SPARC's Strategy

- SPARC's strategy aims to advance a more open system of scholarship by reducing barriers to access, sharing, and use of scholarship - and in particular, scientific research.

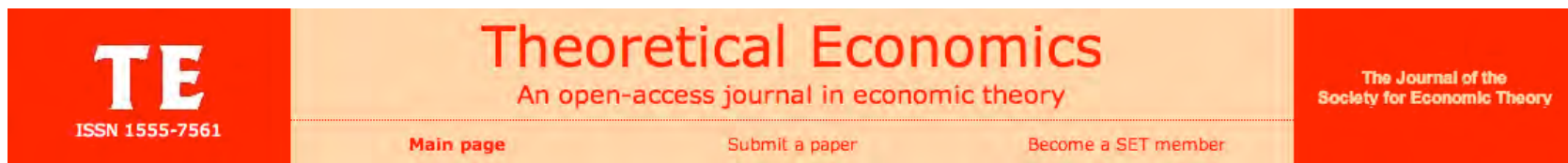
SPARC's Program Areas

1. Educating stakeholders about the problems facing scholarly communication and the opportunities for change;
2. Incubating real-world demonstrations of business and publishing models that advance changes benefiting scholarship and academe;
3. Advocating policy changes that support use of technology to advance scholarly communication, and recognize that dissemination is an essential inseparable component of the research process

1) Education



2) Incubation



3) Advocating

- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Access Policy - targeted work to ensure successful implementation
- U.S. Public Access legislation- Focus on two key pieces - Cures Bill (introduced Dec 05) and new proposed public access act (06 introduction)
- Support emerging international public access policies - CIHR

International Activities

- SPARC Europe
 - close collaboration on advocacy and education issues
- SPARC Japan
 - Scheduled to launch Summer 2006
- SPARC Representation at WIPO
 - Application for observer status pending

What is SPARC?

“SPARC is hope and power and action
through collaboration...”

- James Neal, Vice President of Information Services and University Librarian, Columbia University. Chair, SPARC Steering Committee, 2003-2005