Sorbonne declaration on research data rights

Based on the following principles:

- Knowledge derived from research benefits society.
- The value of research data lies on its integrity, upon which the public trust in new knowledge is founded.
- Providing access to and openly sharing data enable the development of new knowledge, accelerates discoveries for the benefit of society and economic development.
- Research data should, as much as possible, be shared openly and reused, without compromising national security, institutional autonomy, privacy, indigenous rights and the protection of intellectual property.
- The academic community is integral to identifying the complex conditions for sharing and reuse.

We, research university networks, commit to:

- Encouraging our universities and their researchers to share data as much as possible.
- Supporting our universities and their researchers in making their data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR).
- Promoting data curation and sharing and the development of data management plans as a standard part of the research process.
- Engaging institutions in the development of appropriate recognition for researchers who make their data FAIR and share it with appropriate open data licenses.
- Advocating that these principles be integrated into institutional research data policies.
- Encouraging our universities in setting up training and skills development programs that create an environment to promote open research data management.

We call on the global scholarly and research community to join us in:

- Building an environment that supports the global sharing of research data, based on the aforementioned principles.
- Building interoperable instruments and appropriate data repositories to share research data as much as possible.
- Ensuring that peer-reviewed publications are supported by the necessary FAIR data sets as research findings must be accessible, verifiable and replicable.

We ask, in order to deliver on these commitments, that:

- Funding agencies consider the management of research data as a fully eligible activity for funding and increase research funding accordingly to reflect the full cost of making research data available.
- National governments provide resources to enable data curation and sharing activities to be developed and sustained.
- National jurisdictions develop consistent policies and guidance that embody the aforementioned principles and provide an accurate framework to support their implementation by universities and research institutions.
- Such laws, policies and guidance avoid a "lock-in" effect from commercial platforms and data services to ensure the openness and the reusability of research data.
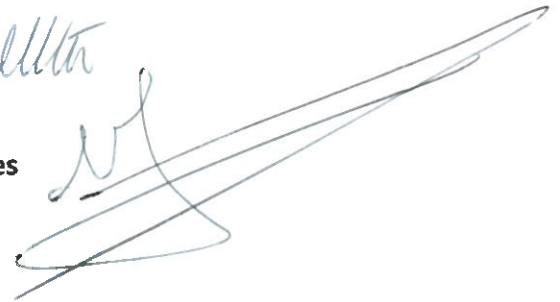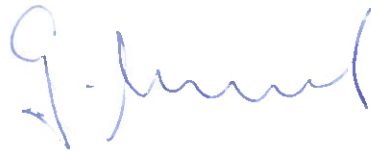
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