SO MUCH FOR THE PAPERLESS OFFICE.
PSO President’s Column.

Open Access and Economics.

Open access to journals has been a hot topic for years in academia, and the current economic crisis has given it even more attention. Unfortunately libraries are often the first to feel any budget pinch, and it is no secret that the price of scholarly journals has been a bone of contention. There are some little appreciated facts that need to be considered about open access before jumping to opinions.

For one thing, some scholarly journals have given away their content to institutions in developing countries for a number of years. That has been and continues to be the case with PSO, and all ten of our journals are available without charge to institutions in a large number of places where the per capita income and general educational situation means that any subscription cost is in effect a slamming of the door to access. It is very important to us that students and faculty in difficult situations do have access.

Another observation is that at least some journals, and this includes the PSO journals, are willing to bend over backwards when there is a permission request. All of these are examined sympathetically and every effort is made to accommodate the request and not to impose a financial burden.

Recently we have been experimenting with a variation of open access, which is to give web browsers who find an article they want to read in four of our journals an immediate access, provided they fill out a very short form where they indicate which institution they identify with – and this can be which one they are an alumnus if they are not currently employed in an academic setting. An automatized email goes to the librarian that an affiliate is using the service, and if the institution isn’t currently taking the journal that it is hoped that they will consider subscribing. This seems to have some promise.

As the New Zealand pundit Chris Slane depicts in his cartoon, the web and internet have not simplified life quite as much as we all hoped. They are wonderful extensions of academic publishing but in many cases they actually add to complexity and cost. To maintain high standards of review and editing and distribution, we need to use our ingenuity to finance access, and that is something we think about a great deal.

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PSEO Webmaster’s Column.

*Bringing science back to government: a matter of national security.*

After what was considered by many as the most technology savvy campaign in history, the new administration found itself in a White House that didn’t seem to have coped with the rapid advances in electronic communication going on: old computer machines and a general lack of up to date equipment that was not enough for the kind of online activities and networking that the new President got himself engaged. Obama’s embracing of technology during his campaign was a hint of his understanding of the importance of this issue as well of his aim to bring science back to government as an essential tool for prosperity and development, precisely in this age when information equals power.

In a speech on Monday April 27th 2009 to members of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington DC, President Obama stressed the intention of his administration to allocate substantial resources to scientific research and education in order to invigorate and strengthen the innovation capabilities of this country, which have been in decline over the last years and have seen the emergence of powerful competition in countries regaining their status as world powers. And so the concern about science and technology has taken a step further so as to make it an issue of importance for matters of strict national security. The government is expected to start advancing on a race for the development of systems of digital weaponry and defenses that some have claimed have marked the beginning of the future of this type of matters: cyber-warfare.

American soldiers would lure Al Qaeda enemies into traps by hacking their computers and altering information. The United States in turn doesn’t escape vulnerability. Some concern has emerged among officials about the existence of programs being able to spy on military networks. Everyday, thousands of computers in the United States under federal and private networks are being hacked by malicious software that have been found to come mainly from China and Russia. In 2007 hackers managed to break into computers within the Pentagon and affected, though briefly, their functioning, an attack that was blamed on China. But cyber espionage within the Pentagon is only a tiny part of the wide range of attacks that any country is subject to. In 2007, the computer infrastructure of the government of Estonia was attacked by a program sent from a still uncertain origin, although Estonia blamed Russia because of a diplomatic dispute between them that had taken place just days prior to the attack. And there is concern about the real possibility of existing or at least developing technologies that may irrupt into more critical areas such as nuclear and electric power plants, banks, and communication and transport infrastructure, paralyzing entire cities.

Much knowledge of what is exactly being done in the US in terms of digital defense and weaponry is still unavailable, for it remains classified information. But in face of the challenges, Washington seems to be going online all the way.

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PSO, a Related Society of the American Political Science Association, the International Political Science Association, and the International Studies Association

The PSO symbol is the 47th problem of the famous scholar Euclid. Called the Pythagorean Theorem as it was Pythagoras, an Aeolian Greek, who established an academy where the proposition was debated, and central to ancient scholarship, it represents applying knowledge to practical needs. An avocational mathematician and President of the United States, James Garfield, discovered an alternative proof. His son, Harry Garfield, longtime President of Williams College and President of the American Political Science Association, once owned the house in Washington now housing the APSA and the PSO.

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