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**Statement of support for the Proposed Legislation "Creation of Science  
and Technology Open Access Digital  
Repositories OPEN SCIENCE ARGENTINA 2010"**

Broad dissemination of research results and data in science & technology is fundamental for its advance, contributing not only to the recognition and growing prestige of national scientific communities in the international context, but also to the increasing cultural, educational, social and economic heritage, collaborating with the improvement of the quality of life population in our countries.

The rapid development of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) has made real for research results to be quickly distributed over the Internet, enabling Citizens to have a more equitable and democratic access to information. However, this possibility will not prosper as long as the access to knowledge and information is restricted due to economic interests.

To reverse these effects, we believe that governments should develop policies to ensure free and public access to research results and data publicly funded. This would maximize the value derived from public investments, generating essential benefits to science, economy and society as a whole.

Therefore, the undersigned support the national proposed legislation "Creation of Science and Technology Open Access Digital Repositories OPEN SCIENCE ARGENTINA 2010" presented by the argentinian government to the House of Representatives, in order to urge their Congress to discuss and pass this bill. We strongly believe that this kind of legislation is setting out the responsibilities of all actors involved in scientific processes to ensure open access to data and information produced for the scientific Community and the general public.

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