PRESIDENT’S DECISION ON OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATION

Most research funding institutions, such as the EU Horizon 2020 framework programme, now require open access to results and data of publicly-funded research. A number of international recommendations have been issued concerning the free accessibility of research results, such as the 2006 Berlin Declaration signed by the Finnish Council of University Rectors, and the Commission Recommendation on access to and preservation of scientific information, which was adopted in 2012. The Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture is preparing national open access guidelines and is likely to take open access into account when setting performance targets and allocating resources.

Open access publication makes publications better known and accessible. It is extremely important that the research results of LUT researchers can be accessed and cited by the scientific community and other societal actors as freely as possible.

I hereby decide that LUT shall advise that parallel online versions of all published articles, other publications and dissertations be published in the LUTPub Repository according to green open access principles as of the beginning of 2015 if the terms and conditions set by the publisher allow. I also state that if the terms and conditions of the research funding allow, the copyright of scientific publications created in connection with the research shall remain with the researcher. To fulfil the terms and conditions set for publication by the funding institution, LUT as the employer shall hold a parallel, non-exclusive and permanent right of use if the researcher does not observe the terms and conditions in question.

The Academic Library will provide researchers with guidelines and training in open access publication. The Academic Library will help researchers with any questions they may have after they familiarise themselves with the guidelines and take part in the training. LUT’s practices as of 1 January 2015 are described in the document attached.

This decision shall enter into force on 1 January 2015.

Anneli Pauli
President