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## **Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities: CERN signs Berlin Declaration**

**Further steps toward the common goal of ensuring that all individuals, around the world, have open access to knowledge in the sciences and in the humanities will be formulated at the follow-up working meeting on the implementation of the recommendations in the Berlin Declaration at CERN/Geneva 12./13.05.2004.**

**With CERN one of the most distinguished European research institutions becomes a Signatory of the Berlin Declaration.**

**Press conference and Signing Ceremony:**

**12.05.2004, 05:00 p.m. at CERN Council Chamber, Geneva**

Signatories to the Berlin Declaration committed themselves to take actions within their organizations, to strengthen open access. The principal aim of this meeting is to discuss the steps that institutions must take in order to implement these actions. There will be invited lectures on key aspects of implementation, such as copyright law, and reports on the steps that signatories have taken so far. The heart of the meeting will be a series of working groups devoted to **formulating realistic action plans that can assist all signatories to move further toward the goals of the Declaration.** The meeting takes place before the summer, in order to maintain the momentum and enthusiasm of the first meeting in Berlin last October.

The organization of the meeting is being coordinated by the Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics (Albert Einstein Institute), founder of the Living Reviews family of e-journals.

**Further information:**

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