

Irish green

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The [IREL-Open](#) project has now officially launched. (Thanks to [OA@OCD](#).) From the site:

Irish universities have received government funding to build open access institutional repositories in each Irish university and to develop a federated harvesting and discovery service via a national portal. It is intended that this collaboration will be expanded to embrace all Irish research institutions in the future.

This is a three-year project starting in April 2007, directed by the [Irish Universities Association](#) and managed by the Irish Universities Association Librarians' Group. An official statement on the project from the Irish Universities Association Librarian's Group [June 2007] is available [here](#).

Comment. Note the green OA momentum in Ireland from this month alone. On May 1, the [Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology](#) (IRCSET) [adopted](#) its exemplary [OA mandate](#). On [May 13](#), the [Science Foundation Ireland](#) released its [draft OA mandate](#) (based on the IRSET OA mandate) [for public comment](#). And there are new institutional repositories at the [Dublin Institute of Technology](#) (the [IR](#), our [blog post](#)) and the [University of Limerick](#) (the [IR](#), our [blog post](#)).

Update. Also see the [IREL-Open brochure](#) from the [Irish Universities Association](#).

Update. Here's a [photo](#) of the IREL-Open celebration. (Thanks to [Dublin City University](#).)