Session 4: Access to and sharing of research data from public funding

Overview

This session will present a summary of the interim report of the OECD Follow up Group on Issues of Access to Publicly Funded Research Data. The Group’s efforts have origins in the 3rd Global Research Village conference in Amsterdam, December 2000. In particular, the report will include issues of global sharing of research data. The Group has conducted case studies of practices across different communities, and looked at factors such as sociological, economic, technological and legal issues that either enhance or inhibit data sharing. Further, the session will address issues such as data as separate part of research, ownership and rights of disposal, multiple use, the use of ICT for widening the scale and scope of data-sharing, effects of data-sharing on the research process, co-ordination in data management. The ultimate goal of the Group will be to articulate principles, based on best practices that can be interpreted into the science policy arena. Some initial principles will be discussed.

The session will address the following questions:
What principles should govern science policy in this area?
What is the perspective of social informatics in this field?
What is the role of data access for the information economy?
What role does the scientific community play in this?

It is intended that this session will generate discussion and feedback on key points of the Group’s interim report.