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 The governmental institution dedicated to biomedical and public health research.

6000 researchers and research programs to

- promote health for all,
- improve understanding of human diseases,
- ensure that patients, the medical community, and national and international partners benefit rapidly from the latest research findings.



Inserm, as a biomedical institute, is particularly concerned by the free circulation of scientific knowledge

Strength:

VERY large transversal community from bench to bed side (with and for the patients)

- Motivated with strong links and collaborations with international partners
- Significant development of the publication process

Weakness:

Pressure from the public needs

Very little technical support as referred to the needs Unlimited increase in the number (cost!!) of publications

Today: Inserm Institutional repository project

 Inserm is strongly involved in the development of an institution repository in which the researchers supported by the institute will deposit their publications and scientific material for the mutual benefit of the scientific community

✓ after initial pilots, it was decided

- to work with **BioMedCentral** for the development of DSpace (participation to the DSpace community)
- to deposit publications as well as any manuscript
- to allow the deposit of protected material via unique identifiers
- to create links to international repositories and to ENTREZ PubMed/NCBI

Early spring 2005 : first prototype

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Tomorrow: to involve all researchers in the Inserm repository

- By the project itself: links out, access and sharing of scientific datas and publications
- With the cooperation of information engineers and librarians who work in five Inserm research centers
- By a communication based on the demonstration of all the potentialities of the tool around the top tenth of the Inserm publications from 1995 to 2005
- By promoting the deposit in the Inserm evaluation process



The day after tomorrow: Open Access implementation

- Inserm is one of the actor of biomedical research and is proactive in OA (Biomed Central subscriber, Plos supporter)
- Open and motivated to collaborate to the Wellcome trust/PMC initiative
- Inserm has just create new institutional relations with patient associations and intend to involve them in the open access advent
- OA needs to be a global move to succeed

