



Taking the Current when it Serves - Research Data from the Publishers' Perspective

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The new paradigm in science is that of data-intensive science. E-science and the web environment have made it much easier to allow for access to data and even make it re-usable. But researchers don't want to drown in the data-deluge and seek an easy and universal way that makes data discoverable and re-usable, preferably in connection with all the articles and publications that exist about the available data.

Publishers face a growing demand from authors who wish to make their data available along with their publications. This asks for new solutions around the curation and preservation of such data, for persistent linking systems between data and publications and for a definition of best practices around supplementary journal article information.

In her talk, Eefke Smit will show results from project PARSE.Insight, carried out between 2008 and 2010 with the help of EU-funding, about the way publishers and researchers now handle data – and will identify the many gaps that will need solutions and new best practice conventions in the next few years when the data current will only grow further.