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Open access in the UK and what it means for scientific research

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The Royal Society hosted the 'Open access in the UK and what it means for scientific research' conference last week, co-organised by the Society of Biology, along with the Institute of Physics, Royal Society of Chemistry, Academy of Medical Science and the Royal Society.

The day was chaired by Dame Janet Finch who led the [Working Group on Expanding Access to Published Research Findings](#), and speakers from RCUK, HEFCE and MRC set out their Open Access policies to robust questioning from the audience of researchers, publishers and librarians. The Minister David Willetts also gave a short presentation and Q&A session.

The event organisers have issued a joint statement summarising the main points of the day; some presentations are available at the following link:
<http://royalsociety.org/events/2013/open-access-workshop/>

For more information on the Open Access meeting, see the Society of Biology blog post here: <http://societyofbiologyblog.org/open-access/>