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DECLARATION OF INSTITUTIONAL OPEN ACCESS POLICY OF BRNO UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (BUT)

This declaration expresses the attitudes towards the principles of Open Access of BUT.

BUT as a modern educational institution is aware of the need for an innovative approach towards solving new and persistent challenges that the society is facing nowadays.

The solution of those challenges is possible through the innovations, not only by the technical ones, which are crucial for BUT, but also by the social ones. One innovation from the academic world, that combines both mentioned types, is the development and promotion of new models of scientific publishing. One of the new publishing models is Open Access, which connects technical innovations (usage of new information technology) with social innovations (accessing and disseminating of academic knowledge within and beyond the academic society).

Based on the ideas mentioned above, BUT makes a commitment to endorse and promote all of the necessary steps to implement this new model of scientific publishing within its academic society. Open Access should be adopted as one of the fundamental pillars of modern scientific communication and the principles of Open Access should be fulfilled on BUT.

BUT's commitment can be summarized as followed:

1. To open academic discussion and to find the consensus about the Open Access policy at BUT with all stakeholders
2. To develop necessary support materials for researchers, academics, libraries and other entities
3. To support Open Access principles by the management of BUT
4. To promote Open Access principles also outside the academic premises of the university
5. To develop new approaches towards the development of scientific publishing and dissemination of knowledge learned at BUT.

University coordinator for Open Access Policy is Central Library of BUT.

BUT's repository designated as the archive for the fulfillment of so called "Open Access Green Road" is **Digital library VUT** available at: <https://dspace.vutbr.cz>.

This commitment of BUT towards the community of Open Access was endorsed by signing **the Berlin Declaration** of 13th December 2013.

In Brno 13th December 2013

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