

The Italian governmental evaluation system enchains researchers and institutions to local and global publishing oligopolies: while German, Swedish, Dutch and French library consortia are canceling their "big deal agreements", the Italian Consortium (CARE) and Elsevier reached an agreement entailing Hybrid Open Access and a confidentiality clause. We need an EU-Wide copyright reform very different from the Directive on Copyright currently under discussion. Learn from the Italian experience: declarations and policies are not enough! Authors' right is not about a few monopolistic companies: it is about people. Research assessment criteria should be freed from the grip of Big Business and Big Government, to be given back to a technology-enhanced public use of reason. The raw bibliometric data on which ANVUR's evaluations and rankings are based are neither open nor accessible. (Fonte: Red.ne Roars 11-12-18)