

WorldWideScience Alliance

Founding and Purpose

Sharing a common commitment to accelerate scientific discovery and advances through global scientific communication, we, the undersigned parties, hereby found and establish the WorldWideScience Alliance to serve as the multilateral governance body for the global science gateway, WorldWideScience.org.

In establishing the Alliance, we note both national and international trends and conditions calling for the federated searching solution of WorldWideScience.org:

- Broad recognition of the importance of providing citizens with single, national digital access points to increasing volumes of science information;
- Heightened international sense of the need for reciprocity and sharing of science knowledge across national boundaries; and
- Continuously increasing number of high-quality, geographically-diverse science information systems and collections which provide the critical foundation and content for a global, decentralized body of science knowledge.

By transitioning WorldWideScience.org from bilateral to multilateral governance, we commit ourselves to a long-term vision for enabling and accelerating scientific discovery through unique and innovative use of federated searching and other technologies. Through our joint efforts, we will sustain and build upon the purpose of providing a single, sophisticated point of access to diverse scientific resources and knowledge from nations and international bodies around the world.

Signed this 12th day of June 2008 in Seoul, Korea.

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