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To whom it may concern,

Institute of Technology, Tralee would like to express support for the AHEAD's "Submission to the Copyright Review Committee."

According to the HEA's Equal Access Data, in the academic year 2007/08 the percentage of new entrants with a disability to IT Tralee was recorded at more than twice the national average for all Higher Education Institutes. The Institute continues to support high numbers of students with disabilities.

IT Tralee would agree with all the recommendations in AHEAD's submission, and would echo the experiences outlined in Section Four (p.7) of the document. We would like to add that in our experience some Irish publishers, but not all, have failed to take even the basic steps to prepare themselves to make material available in electronic format.

In our view, Chart one (p.10) is an accurate portrayal of the process of making material available in alternative format. Often, the delays in this process will result in disabled members of the Institute not having access to texts until well after their peers, which adversely affects the ability to perform well.

IT Tralee would also emphasise the importance of the availability of quality intermediate electronic versions of a resource, and note that this requires a particular level of expertise that is best delivered by the publisher at the point of critical mass to ensure consistency.

Yours faithfully,

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Tony Murphy, Systems Librarian

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