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Publishing Sci Tech Information into an Institutional Repository also allows scholars and research communities to increase their visibility and impact. For university libraries it creates an opportunity to document, organize and preserve the intellectual heritage of the institution while it increases the institutions prestige.

Within this context UPCommons started its operations in March 2006 under the Technical University of Catalonia (UPC) Libraries' leadership and coordination. This new project facilitates access to all the different open access repositories that were already running at the UPC Sci Tech Information Arena.

UPCommons offers the University Community a tool to publish research results in full text in open access environment. The results will be highly visible and can be read all over the world, while offering the authors a better knowledge and control of their rights under copyright policies.

This poster presents information about the different contents of UPCommons, including e-prints, e-journals, learning objects, technical reports, and theses and dissertations. We also highlight the benefits for the contributors and the institution itself, and present future projects the library is developing in order to increase faculty contributions and self-archiving. This includes the integration of UPCommons into the research and academic recognition and evaluation mechanisms established by the University.