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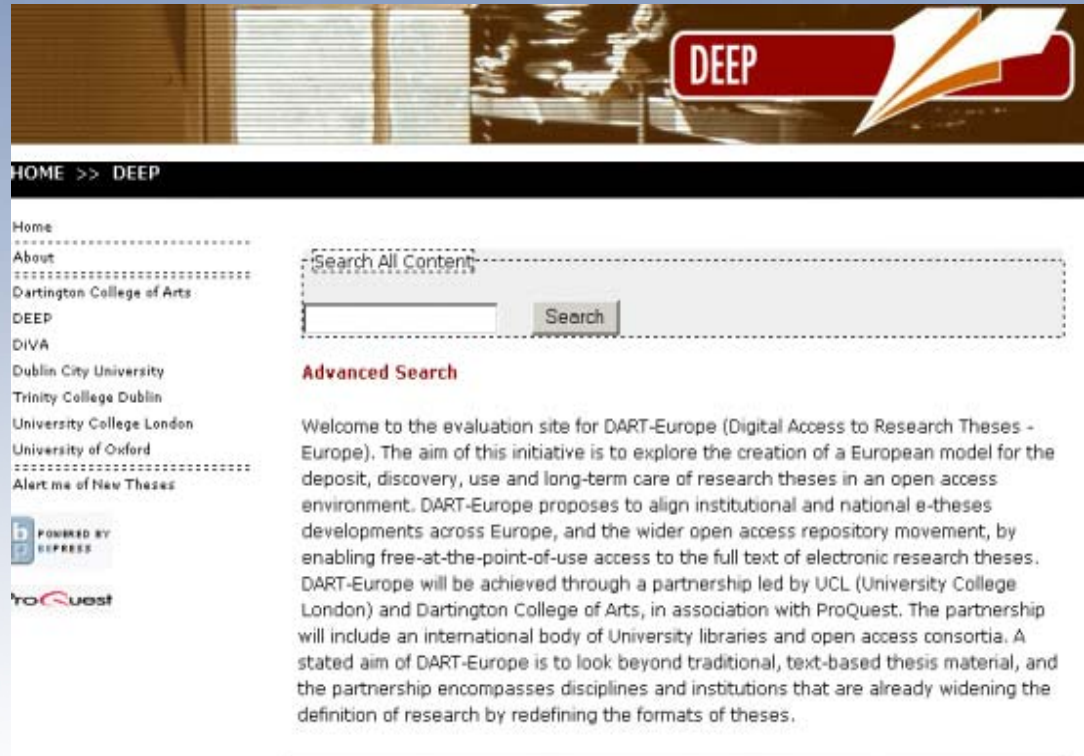
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ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT)

- **The database of record for graduate research**
- **The only database of its kind**
 - Over 2.5 million dissertations and theses
 - Over 2.3 million available in print and microform
 - Over 900,000 available in PDF format
 - From 1997 forward
 - Over 187 million pages of text
 - Over 5 terabytes of data
 - 24 page digital previews, too
 - Author written abstracts from 1980 forward for dissertations; 1988 forward for theses
- **More than a 1,000 new graduate works are added to the database each week**
 - PQDT is a constantly growing resource
- **Close to 3,000 libraries around the world subscribe to PQDT**
 - 70% of The Times' Top 100 Universities subscribe to PQDT Strict Editorial Control of Content and Metadata

ProQuest's Participation in open access / new publishing models

- ❑ Technology provider for DART-Europe 2004 - 2007
- ❑ Used ProQuest infrastructure to develop a global thesis discovery service...



The screenshot shows the DART-Europe website interface. At the top right, there is a red banner with the word "DEEP" and a graphic of a stack of papers. Below this, the navigation bar includes "HOME >> DEEP". The left sidebar contains a menu with links: Home, About, Dartington College of Arts, DEEP, DIVA, Dublin City University, Trinity College Dublin, University College London, University of Oxford, and Alert me of New Theses. Below the menu is a "POWERED BY" logo for iPress and the ProQuest logo. The main content area features a search box labeled "Search All Content" with a "Search" button. Below the search box is the "Advanced Search" section, which contains a welcome message and a detailed description of the DART-Europe initiative, its goals, and the partnership between UCL, Dartington College of Arts, and ProQuest.

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Welcome to the evaluation site for DART-Europe (Digital Access to Research Theses - Europe). The aim of this initiative is to explore the creation of a European model for the deposit, discovery, use and long-term care of research theses in an open access environment. DART-Europe proposes to align institutional and national e-theses developments across Europe, and the wider open access repository movement, by enabling free-at-the-point-of-use access to the full text of electronic research theses. DART-Europe will be achieved through a partnership led by UCL (University College London) and Dartington College of Arts, in association with ProQuest. The partnership will include an international body of University libraries and open access consortia. A stated aim of DART-Europe is to look beyond traditional, text-based thesis material, and the partnership encompasses disciplines and institutions that are already widening the definition of research by redefining the formats of theses.

Benefits of Published Database

- **Assignment of Subject Headings and Keywords by trained Editors**
- **Content-Type Focus (e.g. only PhD and Masters Theses) means no unwanted data in searches (articles, senior theses, etc.)**
- **Guaranteed Access (no dead links)**

Open Access Publishing Option

- **Growing institutional / author interest in OA option**
 - Interest in “author pays” model for publishing dissertations / theses
 - Desire lowest-cost model possible
 - PQ pricing: \$150 OA publishing; \$55 Traditional publishing
- **Desire for choice between Traditional (Royalty) Publishing and Open Access model**
 - Some institutions wish to provide author choice of models
 - Others will mandate either OA or Traditional model
- **Continued interest in Publishing in PQDT due to “discovery” issues**
 - Authors desire maximum dissemination
 - Many but not all will allow deposit in IRs

Open Access Publishing Explained

■ For users of PQDT:

- Title processed as with Traditional publishing –
 - Index terms and keywords assigned
 - Abstract reviewed
 - Microfilm created
 - Full publishing in all dissertation / theses products
 - cursory review of appendices for material under another copyright
- Flagged as “free download” in perpetuity for A&I and Full Text

■ For non-PQDT users:

- Set up web site accessible to all users of Internet
- Includes index terms, keywords, etc.
- Indexed by Google and other search engines
- Free full text downloading

Results

- **Year to date:**
 - Published 28 works Open Access
 - Published 35,000 works Traditional Publishing

- **Reason for low take up is likely marketing-related**
 - Getting word out to Graduate Deans and Libraries takes time
 - High level of interest expressed in last 30 days

- **In future, expect to see OA publishing increase significantly**
 - Federal mandates will cause immediate increase
 - Gradual increase expected without mandate