Improvements we Proposed at Open Repositories 2009:
- Increased journal coverage
- Provision of a fully supported Applications Programmers Interface
- Standardisation of the phrases used in entries
- Provision of multi-lingual interfaces
- Introduction of new terms to describe article versions
- Provision of journal level policy display

In Addition, we Released in September 2009:
- Increased visibility of Publisher Version/ PDF status in publisher entries
- Improved browsing functions
- More options for checking compliance with research funders’ OA mandates

Journal Level Policies
It is not always clear who publishes a given journal – or more specifically, who owns the copyright. Why?
- Publishing houses often work on behalf of learned societies.
- Client societies may or may not control copyright and related policies.
- Statements such as “Published by X in association with Y” do not make the relationship clear
- Different journal databases may consequently give different publishers.

Types of Publisher and their Hierarchy
When a journal lists two or more publishers, each publisher is assigned to one of the following categories – whichever is lower down the list. The lowest category in the list has priority regarding copyright and policies when displayed in RoMEO.

- **Governmental publisher**
  Publishing house run by an international, national, or regional government.

- **Commercial publisher** (Publishing house)
  May publish on behalf of 3rd party organisations

- **University publisher** (Academic press)
  Publishing house run by an educational institution.

- **Imprint**
  Subsidiary of a publishing house, with a different name (and rights?)

- **Associate organisation**
  Society or organisation that assists a publishing house with editing and peer review
  Copyright unlikely to be held by the associate organisation, but possible.

- **Client organisation**
  Society or organisation whose journals are published for them by a publishing house
  Copyright probably held by the client organisation, but not certain.

- **Society publisher**
  Society or organisation publishing its own journals

- **Special list**
  Special list for journals with separate rights – e.g. A “Paid OA” list, "Subject list", etc

- **Independent journal**
  Organisation whose sole purpose is to publish its journal.

- **Copyright holder**
  Publisher explicitly declared as copyright holder

Internationalisation
There are national versions of RoMEO in several countries, including Spain and Germany. RoMEO is also in talks with Norsk RoMEO (Norway) and Blimunda Project (Portugal) with regards to collecting local publisher policies.

In order to integrate different teams information, we are upgrading the Administrative system. This will enable administrators to choose standardised phrases, viewed by in their preferred language.

In the long term we hope this will lead to multi-lingual public views of RoMEO.