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○ Bibliometrics: Use and abuse in the review of Research performance” (with the Wenner Gren Foundations). 2013 Stockholm
○ “Migration and Mobility in Science: Impacts on Cultures and the Profession in Institutions of Higher Education in Europe” (With the Compagnia di San Paolo and Accademia dei Lincei). 2013 Rome – In Press
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- “High Bandwidth for European Education and Research” (With HiBeer and The European Science Foundation), 1999, Uxbridge.
- “The ‘Virtual University’ ” (With the Wenner Gren Foundation), 1999, Stockholm.
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