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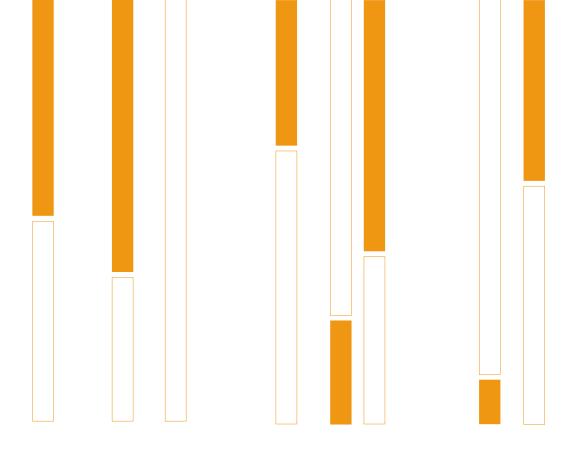
WORKSHOP SERIES ON PRACTICAL MECHANISMS AND ACTION PLANS TO REMOVE BARRIERS FOR READERS AND AUTHORS

Workshop 1
Viewpoints and contributions from Africa and Europe

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ABOUT **THE WORKSHOP**

The open access publishing market is growing rapidly in both volume and value, as researchers, globally, publish an increasing proportion of their articles in scholarly journals that charge fees for open access publishing services. While the rise of open access brings the benefit of public access to research, replacing the subscription paradigm with an open access paradigm in scholarly journal publishing raises new concerns around equity.

It is important to identify the financial barriers that authors encounter and hear the challenges they face, particularly in resource-limited contexts, in order to develop actionable plans and practical mechanisms that ensure no author is limited in their opportunity to publish their accepted articles open access in the journals of their choice.

The scholarly communication ecosystem is complex and demands **a multitude of approaches** involving **all actors** among organizations that fund and produce research, to ensure that open access is delivered to the research community under conditions that are globally equitable.

Scientists and scholars, research administrators, libraries and library consortia, university leadership, science councils and grant funders, and ministries of research and education, all have a role to play.

WORKSHOP APPROACH

The workshop series is organized to facilitate discussions among actors from all geographic and economic contexts with the aim of collaborating on the development of practical mechanisms and concrete solutions that would foster an open scholarly publishing paradigm based on these core principles:

> Scholarly communication is part of the research process and, as such, costs for open access publishing services should ultimately be borne by research funders and institutions;

> Fees associated with open access publishing services should be fair, reasonable, transparent, and globally equitable;

> Spending on scientific publishing should enable global open access for both readers and authors.

This, first, workshop seeks to highlight perspectives and viewpoints from Africa and Europe. Through plenary sessions and breakout discussions, workshop participants will be invited to brainstorm and explore both immediate and long-term actions that different actors can take to advance toward an open access publishing paradigm in accordance with the principles above.

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GUIDING QUESTIONS

While discount and waiver programs can only be considered a short-term strategy, how can they be improved to deliver immediate benefits to authors in limited resource contexts? What can different actors do to promote such improvements?

Working toward more permanent solutions, what actions by different stakeholders could foster a scholarly publishing system in which fees for open access publishing services are differentiated globally in a way that is fair and transparent?

To support strategies aimed at promoting a just scholarly publishing ecosystem, how might organizations that fund and produce research gain a clearer understanding of the current financial streams in scholarly publishing and how these might be adjusted to support all authors?

What collaborations and alignments can be formed to build the knowledge, capacities, practices and infrastructure to support global open access for both readers and authors?

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

1. Generate a better understanding among actors of the state of play in the scholarly publishing market and how the underlying financial streams currently flow

2. Develop ideas for concrete mechanisms or practical steps different actors can take to advance toward an open access paradigm in accordance with the principles above.

WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

The outcomes of this first workshop will be integrated with those of two additional and incremental workshops in early 2023 featuring viewpoints and contributions from the Asia-Pacific region and the Americas, with the aim of defining and promoting global practices and action lines in pursuit of the principles above.

USEFUL REFERENCES

OA2020 Equity webpage
UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science
A fair pricing model for Open Access, Faranah Osman and Johan Rooryck
Publishing principles, International Science Council
Open Science as Part of a Well-Functioning Research System, Science Europe
Combatting Predatory Academic Journals, The InterAcademy Partnership

CODE OF **CONDUCT**

Codes of conduct are increasingly utilized in higher education, technology and research communities around the world. The workshop will bring together a global cohort, and each participant brings with them different perspectives and cultural norms. As we assemble at the conference, we hope to both strengthen existing partnerships and build new opportunities to collaborate and unite in our work to advance open access. With this in mind, a workshop Code of Conduct has been established to support our growing community and further build trust. The workshop Code of Conduct reflects existing community standards and expectations.

The workshop organizers are committed to providing an open, inclusive and harassment-free workshop environment for all participants, speakers and facilitators. The workshop seeks to strengthen collaborative partnerships across the research and academic enterprises, and support honest, open and respectful dialogue.

All those participating in the workshop are asked to:

> Use welcoming and inclusive language

> Listen as much as one speaks

> Gracefully give and accept constructive criticism

> Be respectful of differing viewpoints and experiences

> Yield the floor to those whose viewpoints and experiences may be underrepresented

The workshop does not tolerate harassment of any kind, disruptive behavior, or actions and language that create an unsafe environment. Harassing behavior includes: Comments or imagery related to race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, age, religion, technology choices, or political affiliation; deliberate intimidation; unwelcome sexual attention; sustained disruption of talks or other events; advocating for, or encouraging, any of the above behavior

If you have been involved in or witnessed an incident that may violate the workshop Code of Conduct, please contact the organizers at contact@oa2020.org.

The workshop organizers will address all reported violations with discretion and confidentiality; conference coordinators will take action(s) deemed necessary, including speaking with the alleged individual/group or requesting that they leave the workshop.

WORKSHOP **PROGRAM**

21 NOVEMBER 2022
DAY 1

09:00 UTC/GMT
10:00 CET

WELCOME ADDRESS DAY 1
Colleen Campbell
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09:10 UTC/GMT
10:10 CET

PLENARY 1
Current context and workshop objectives
Colleen Campbell
OA2020 Initiative

Moderator Ana Peršić, UNESCO

09:40 UTC/GMT
10:40 CET

BREAKOUT SESSION 1
Preparing investments for an open paradigm that is globally equitable

10:15 UTC/GMT
11:15 CET

REPORTS
Breakout session 1

10:25 UTC/GMT
11:25 CET

BREAK

10:40 UTC/GMT
11:40 CET

PLENARY 2
A fair pricing model for open access
Faranah Osman
South African National Research Foundation

Moderator Johan Rooryck, cOAlition S

11:10 UTC/GMT
12:10 CET

BREAKOUT SESSION 2
Fair, reasonable, transparent, and globally equitable pricing

11:45 UTC/GMT
12:45 CET

REPORTS
Breakout session 2

11:55 UTC/GMT
12:55 CET

WRAP-UP DAY 1
Geoffrey Boulton
International Science Council

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DAY 2

09:00 UTC/GMT
10:00 CET

WELCOME ADDRESS DAY 2

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PLENARY 3
Stakeholder roles in removing barriers and inequities
Abednego Corletey
Association of African Universities

Moderator Lizzie Sayer, International Science Council

09:40 UTC/GMT
10:40 CET

PLENARY 4: PANEL DISCUSSION
Collaborations and alignments among actors to remove barriers and inequities

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Panel chair Iryna Kuchma, EIFL
Moderator   Bregt Saenen, Science Europe

10:40 UTC/GMT
11:40 CET

BREAK

10:55 UTC/GMT
11:55 CET

BREAKOUT SESSION 3
Enabling access to open access publishing for all authors

11:35 UTC/GMT
12:35 CET

REPORTS
Breakout session 3

11:45 UTC/GMT
12:45 CET

WRAP-UP AND CONCLUDING REMARKS
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