

The Royal Society of Biology Research Dissemination Committee **Research Communication Newsletter**

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Dear readers, the Royal Society of Biology is relocating to a new office headquarters this week, so your monthly Research Communication Newsletter has arrived a little later than usual. You can find our new address and contact details at the bottom of this edition.

Publication policy and debate

[OA2020 and cOAlition S Launch Joint Statement](#)

[Open access: Plan S launch delayed until 2021](#)

Consultation responses had called for start of mandate to be pushed back from January 2020

[Plan S delayed a year amid raft of changes](#)

The controversial open-access initiative Plan S has been postponed for a year, to give publishers and research organisations longer to align with the intended systemic shift in academic publishing.

[cOAlition S Releases Revised Implementation Guidance on Plan S Following Public Feedback Exercise](#)

[Wellcome updates open access policy to align with cOAlition S](#)

Following a large consultation, we have updated our open access (OA) policy so it now aligns with Plan S. The changes will apply from 1 January 2021.

[To meet the 'Plan S' open-access mandate, journals mull setting papers free at publication](#)

[Who pays the price for Open Access?](#)

Sitting on a mainline train, in a chain restaurant or hotel conference room, you're rarely without the option of 'free' WiFi these days. Don't get me wrong – I'm a fan. Getting online in these situations can be hugely helpful.

[Open and closed – What do reverse flips tell us about the scholarly publishing landscape?](#)

[Journals only half the story, says new open access alliance](#)

Repositories, publishing platforms and data annotating tools 'also stuck behind paywalls'

[Diversity of UK publishing workforce detailed in extensive survey](#)

[Can Twitter, Facebook, and Other Social Media Drive Downloads, Citations?](#)

[Guest Post: The Surprisingly Low Burden of Subscriptions at Institutions](#)

[Universities' journal costs still outstripping inflation](#)

Despite attempts to renegotiate contracts, European institutions face an annual price hike of 3.6 per cent

[Research Square Launches Pre-Publication Platform](#)

[Landscape Analysis: A SPARC Report on the Changing Nature of the Academic Publishing Industry and the Implications for Institutions](#)

[Death of the author? AI generated books and the production of scientific knowledge](#)

International publishing

[The university where half the professoriate 'has never published'](#)

Nepotism and the isolation of war have left Kosovo's oldest university battling poor research standards, but transparency campaigners hope this is changing

[Australian campaigners demand open access step change](#)

Advocacy groups demand action from next government

[Springer Nature announces transformational agreement with Qatar National Library](#)

Metrics

[Rethinking impact factors: better ways to judge a journal](#)

We need a broader, more-transparent suite of metrics to improve science publishing, say Paul Wouters, colleagues and co-signatories.

Publication ethics

[Reporting Clinical Trial Results – the Why and the How](#)

Copyright and licencing

[What the history of copyright in academic publishing tells us about Open Research](#)

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