

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

Our monthly publication returns after a summer break.

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Publication policy and debate

[Open access policies and mandates around the globe](#)

[Learned Societies and Open Access](#)

[Steps towards transparency in research publishing](#)

As research and editorial processes become increasingly open, scientists and editors need to be proactive but also alert to risks.

[Interview with MDPI: Lessons learned in more than 20 years of Open Access Publishing.](#)

[Elsevier launches free science definitions service](#)

Publishers argues Topics platform will provide ‘breadth, depth and currency of knowledge’, and remove the need to leave its website.

[Harper Adams University professor’s paper published in Royal Science journal](#)

Professor of entomology Simon Leather has co-authored a paper about the value and impact of academic blogging on the academic community which has just been published in Royal Society Open Science.

[Publish-or-perish: Peer review and the corruption of science](#)

Pressure on scientists to publish has led to a situation where any paper, however bad, can now be printed in a journal that claims to be peer-reviewed.

[Peer Review: Decisions, decisions](#)

[Peer review in high school science](#)

[Peer Review: Consultative Review is worth the wait](#)

[Journal flipping or a public open access infrastructure? What kind of open access future do we want?](#)

Open access debates are increasingly focused on “how” rather than “why”. Tony Ross-Hellauer and Benedikt Fecher present two possible scenarios for an open access future, consider the relative merits and viability of each, and invite your input to the discussion.

[The next stage of SocArXiv's development: bringing greater transparency and efficiency to the peer review process](#)

Open science and open data

[Wiley announces new Data Sharing and Citation policies to improve transparency in research](#)

HOBOKEN, NJ – September 14, 2017 – John Wiley and Sons, Inc. (NYSE:JWa) (NYSE:JWb), announced the launch of new data sharing and citation policies that will be implemented across all participating Wiley journals.

[Journal policies that encourage data sharing prove extremely effective](#)

[Stop hoarding ancient bones, plead archaeologists](#)

Scientists call for wider access to rare samples rich in DNA.

[EOSC Declaration](#)

Today (26 October), the Commission makes the EOSC Declaration available to all scientific stakeholders, for their endorsement and commitments to the realisation of the EOSC by 2020.

International publishing

[Libraries, Universities Unite to Push for Open Access](#)

[A bold open-access push in Germany could change the future of academic publishing](#)

[German universities plan for life without Elsevier](#)

Loans between libraries, and research sharing between colleagues, could allow country to sever links, negotiators claim.

[Achieving Open Access by 2020: tracking universities' progress and guidelines for the future](#)

Publication ethics

[Addressing ethical issues in peer review – new guidelines available from COPE](#)

[How Journals Treat Papers from Researchers Who Committed Misconduct](#)

Nature Plants explains how it handled a manuscript co-authored by Patrice Dunoyer, a biologist with multiple retractions to his name.

Opinion

[The Earth sciences no longer need the publishers for publishing](#)

[Give researchers a lifetime word limit](#)

Brian C. Martinson imagines how rationing the number of publications a scientist could put out might improve the scientific literature.

[Not just available, but also useful: we must keep pushing to improve open access to research](#)

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