

### Bold Moves: Innovation in Scholarly Communications

The current state of scholarly communication, where a small number of publishers control the majority of scholarly research across disciplines, is unsustainable. To address these challenges, a series of approaches to innovate within this environment have been taken in various jurisdictions around the world. The following are some examples which demonstrate how strategic approaches and the power of collective action can create positive change.

#### OA 2020 – One Model to Realize the Goal of Open Access

##### Open Access 2020 gains momentum with Expression of Interest

The 13<sup>th</sup> conference in the Berlin Open Access Series was held in March 2017. More than 200 key representatives from 33 countries, including CRKN, met to share their experiences toward furthering the goal of open access transformation on an international scale.

#### Érudit Partnership

In 2014, following a successful, traditional subscription relationship, the Érudit Consortium and CRKN began exploring a partnership model which involves support for a transition to open access and involvement in the Érudit Consortium governance. Currently, many of the journals on the Érudit platform are freely available after an embargo of two years. With partnership commitments from the library community, Érudit plans to reduce the moving wall to twelve months, with a long-term plan to remove the embargo period and become fully open access. The partnership was first signed at the end of 2014 and was renewed for 2017. Both parties hope to demonstrate to the broader Canadian academic publishing community a viable model for libraries and publishers to work together to transform the nature of scholarly publishing in a sustainable way for all.

#### Universities Opting Out of the Big Deal

##### Université de Montréal Takes Bold Turn, Terminates Participation in Wiley Online Library License

In November 2013, as a result of increasing spending cuts in the education budget, the Université de Montréal Library chose to take a bold turn and exit a Big Deal. This decision is significant, given that Big Deals make a relatively large budget impact - 80% of the journals budget. Taking this decision means that they will make selective title purchases. An information campaign was conducted among members of the UdeM community before the decision was

#### What Can I Do?

- Be aware that the increasing cost of journals is outpacing the increase of library budgets, putting pressure on your library to do more with less.
- Be open to a conversation with your librarian about your scholarly content needs in terms of your research and teaching, in an environment where tough content retention decisions may have to be made.

#### What Are Libraries Doing?

- Working through consortia to leverage greater purchasing power.

#### Tools:

- Introduction
- Evolution of Journal Pricing
- Canadian Economic Environment
- **Innovation in Scholarly Communication**
- Sustainability Challenges
- Understanding Scholarly Metrics
- Glossary of Scholarly Communication Terms
- Selected Bibliography

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made. Two years later, UdeM continues to purchase title by title, an approach which suits their content acquisition budget and meets the research and teaching needs of the university.

**Source:** <http://www.bib.umontreal.ca/communiqués/20170504-DC-annulation-taylor-francis-va.htm>

## Jisc and Springer Sign Innovative Open Access Agreement

### **New agreement combines OA publishing and subscription access in a single fee**

Announced in October 2015, the Springer Compact agreement with UK consortium Jisc (<https://www.jisc.ac.uk>) enables researchers in the UK to publish their articles open access in over 1600 Springer hybrid journals without cost barriers or administrative barriers, combining open access publishing and subscription access in a single fee. This agreement facilitates complying with the open access policies required by the Higher Education Funding Council for England ([HEFCE](#)), Research Excellence Framework ([REF](#)) and Research Councils UK ([RCUK](#)). The Springer Compact agreement is a pilot that will run from October 2015 to December 2018.

**Source:** <https://www.jisc.ac.uk/news/innovative-open-access-agreement-between-springer-and-jisc-22-oct-2015>

## Lingua Editorial Team Walks Out in Favour of Open Access

### **Journal editors protest in favour of OA, plan to launch competing open journal**

In late October 2015, as a protest to Dutch publisher Elsevier, the six academic editors and 31-member editorial board of respected linguistics journal *Lingua* resigned from the journal. The academics stepped down in protest of Elsevier's refusal to accept their repeated proposals to improve free access to the journal. The group of editors are working towards finding "a path from subscription-based publishing to an open access one." To achieve this, they aim to launch their own open access journal, Glossa, which will be financially supported in part by Dutch universities.

**Source:** <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/lingua-entire-editorial-team-of-respected-linguistics-journal-resign-en-mass-in-turf-war-over-a6723036.html>

## A Mandate for Open Access at the University of Liège

### **Researchers mandated to grant open access to publications via Institutional Repository**

In 2007, the University of Liège in Belgium adopted the Immediate-Deposit and Optional-Access ([ID/OA](#)) mandate, "making it compulsory for our researchers to add references for all their publications and academic conferences to the institutional repository, backdated to 2002, and to deposit the full electronic version of all the articles that they have published since 2002. A reference to a scholarly publication has to be placed in the repository as soon as the publication has been accepted by the publisher or as soon as the document is considered to be complete. The obligation to deposit the full text of documents in the repository is relevant only for articles published in journals, but it is in no way exclusive: any other type of publication (book chapters, dissertations, reports, conference presentations, lectures for the general public, posters, course notes...) can be deposited as well. Authors grant open access to the full text of the documents if the publishers' terms allow them to do so. In cases where embargoes or other restrictions are imposed by a publisher, readers can still request as a print copy from the author directly from the repository."

**Source:** [https://www.ulg.ac.be/cms/c\\_17700/en/open-access](https://www.ulg.ac.be/cms/c_17700/en/open-access)

## Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR)

### **Creating one place to look for accessing open research via Institutional Repositories**

Launched in October 2009, COAR is an association of institutional repositories representing over 100 institutions across five continents. Its mission is to enhance the visibility, discoverability and impact of research deposited to Open Access digital repositories. In addition, COAR develops best practices in OA licensing, sustainable practices, IR interoperability and advocacy.

**Source:** <https://www.coar-repositories.org>

## *About the Canadian Research Knowledge Network*

*The Canadian Research Knowledge Network is a partnership of Canadian universities, dedicated to expanding digital content for the academic research and teaching enterprise in Canada.*