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Spotlight on open access

[cOAlition S invites the research community to complete the Plan S impact survey](#)

cOAlition S is monitoring developments in the Open Science landscape and is seeking feedback from the research community about their experiences when publishing according to the principles of Plan S.

[Jisc and the Royal Society of Chemistry sign new transitional open access agreement](#)

Rapidly increasing open access publishing in the UK and offering full funder compliance, the deal means that authors at qualifying institutions can make articles publicly available in the society's hybrid portfolio at no cost to them, reports STM publishing News.

[Springer Nature negotiations aim to secure a transitional open access agreement](#)

Jisc covers how UK institutions are in negotiation with Springer Nature to secure a transitional open access agreement for the Nature, Nature research journals and Palgrave journals.

Publication policy and debate

[Opinion: The New STM Integrity Hub](#)

In this Scholarly Kitchen post, Joris van Rossum, product director, STM Integrity Hub, and Hylke Koers, chief information officer, STM Solutions, were interviewed to learn more about the project, its goals, and how it might develop.

[Academic publishers collaborating in fight against bias announce key action on diversity data collection](#)

STM Publishing News covers how an international group aiming to eliminate bias and discrimination in academic publishing has published guidance for the collection of author data that can work between different publishers.

[Share of researchers valuing preprints leaps during pandemic](#)

A worldwide survey of scientists suggests almost two-thirds are now positive about their use, reports Times Higher Education.

[Why is the popularity of short communications decreasing?](#)

Publication of short communications is in decline due, in part, to the shifting publishing landscape and changing attitudes of the scientific community. The Publication Plan summarises this phenomenon and its implications for scientific research.

[Quantifying authorship in clinical trial publications – a new algorithm](#)

The Publication Plan covers how a new quantitative algorithm aims to identify 'deserving contributors' and determine the order of authorship on clinical study manuscripts.

International publishing

[Advancing Open Science in Africa – three organizations collaborate to implement open science principles in seven partner states](#)

The East African Science and Technology Commission, the Public Library of Science, and the Training Centre in Communication have announced that they will collaborate in the implementation of Open Science and Open Access principles for East African Community Partner States, reports STM Publishing News.

[American Chemical Society and Jisc partner to enable open access publishing for researchers across the UK](#)

The Publications Division of the American Chemical Society and the Jisc consortium have announced a landmark transitional agreement that will serve researchers in the UK across all fields of chemistry, writes STM Publishing News.

[Opinion: Open Access in Japan: Tapping the Stone Bridge](#)

Writing for The Scholarly Kitchen, Matthew Salter, founder and chief executive officer, Akabana Consulting LLC, looks at the new open access policy from the Japan Science and Technology Agency.

[Opinion: Predatory journals feed on incentives, not ignorance](#)

In this article for Research Professional News, Emanuel Kulczyck, head of the Scholarly Communication Research Group at Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland, warns that a one-size-fits-all approach to research evaluation helps exploitative publishers.

[21 journals to be renamed as Springer Nature and Clarivate work together to enable titles to become gender neutral](#)

The organisations have agreed on a process which will see the names of twenty-one journals in Springer Nature's German language medical portfolio change to become more inclusive, writes STM Publishing News.

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