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Advancements in 4RI's Open Access transformation: new Read & Publish agreement with Elsevier

We're pleased to announce that the Consortium of Swiss Academic Libraries has renewed the agreement with Elsevier. It signifies another step forward in the Open Access (OA) transformation and puts us on track to have more than an estimated 90% of our publication output OA.

Benefits of the new agreement with Elsevier for researchers affiliated with the 4RI

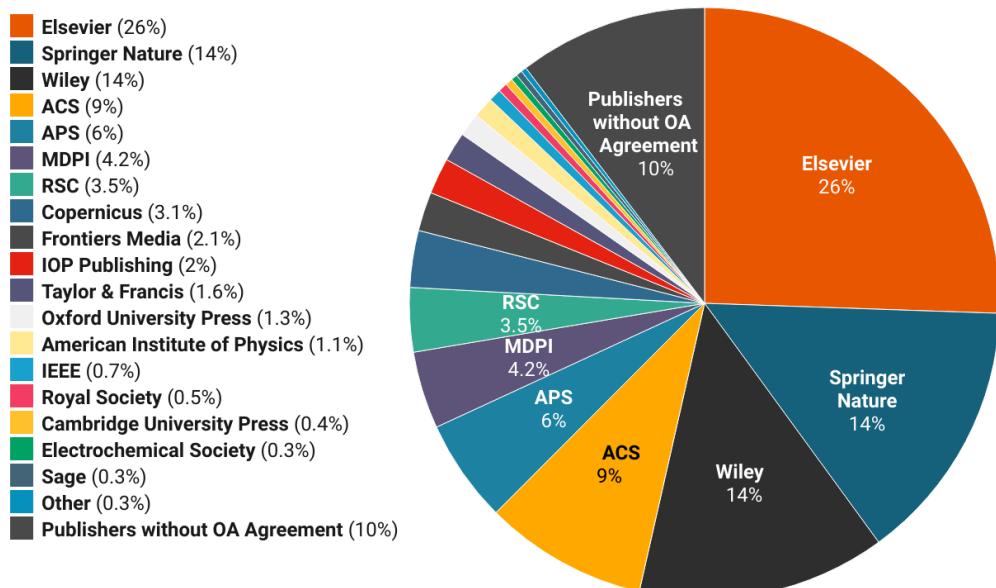
- Publishing:** The agreement covers OA fees for eligible articles by corresponding authors affiliated with the 4RIs. It includes approximately 2'500 Elsevier journals, now also journals by Cell Press and The Lancet. Researchers can use [Lib4RI's Search Tool](#) to identify relevant journals before submission and determine whether a journal is included in the agreement. Articles published from January 2024 will be made OA retroactively and authors who have paid APCs in 2024 will be refunded.
- Reading:** Researchers can access all journal content published by Elsevier and their society partners on ScienceDirect while connected to their institution's network.

For more information about this agreement, please refer to the [official announcement](#) on the swissuniversities website. Our [Open Access agreement page](#) includes additional details about the agreement's mechanics. More details will be added as soon as they become available.

We look forward to the opportunities this agreement brings to our researchers, enabling them to publish their work Open Access and broadening the potential reach of their work.

Open Access agreements at Lib4RI

The agreement with Elsevier and the recent agreement with the American Physical Society (APS) mark a significant milestone in making OA the default for publications from researchers affiliated with the 4RIs.



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The figure shows the percentage breakdown of the 4RI researchers' publication output with different publishers. This visualisation helps in understanding the distribution and dominance of publishers in the 4RI's publication landscape.

In some cases, even the large number of Read & Publish agreements might not help to publish your manuscript OA. This can happen if you are not the corresponding author, if the specific journal is not included in an agreement, or if the yearly quota is already used. In these cases, however, there is an alternative as well. We encourage you to consider the [Green Road to OA](#) and submit the accepted version of your manuscript to our institutional repository [DORA](#). This helps to increase the worldwide visibility and thereby the impact of your article.

Library News

New pages on research data management

Are you wondering who you can contact to discuss where to safely store your research data? Looking for a repository to publish research data? Or are you curious about how to use a computer cluster for your analysis? Visit our new pages on research data management to find out what resources are available at the four federal research institutes. Read more [here](#).

New pages on text data mining

Text data mining (TDM) can reveal hidden patterns and trends within vast amounts of text. Our new resources offer an overview of the key steps involved in TDM projects. We provide a list of data sources, analysis tools, and essential considerations to get started with your first project. Read more [here](#).

User survey 2024 - we need your input!

As part of our ongoing effort to improve and tailor our services to your needs, we want to gather feedback to support you in your research as best we can. The survey is open until 30 June. Read more [here](#).

- **Duration:** The survey will take approximately **5-10 minutes** to complete.
- **Topics covered:** general satisfaction, resources, current & future services, trainings, interaction with the library

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Beyond the Library

Policy / Swiss Horizon Europe talks

If the talks between Swiss and EU negotiators are successfully concluded, Swiss researchers could participate in 2025 calls, which will open this July. However, Switzerland will not join the Copernicus earth monitoring project due to high costs. Bern has said joining Copernicus will be too expensive. [Read more](#).

Scientific Culture / Data Literacy Charter

The Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences are publishing a Data Literacy Charter for Switzerland.

Open Research Data / National ORD Prize

The 2024 ORD Prize by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences is now open for entries. The 2nd edition of this new award celebrates research projects of individual researchers and research teams demonstrating innovative practices in Open Research Data. The submission deadline for applications is **31 July 2024, 17h local time**. [Read more](#).

Article / Replacing academic journals

Brembs et al. (2023) describe the current system of scholarly communication as a locked-in vicious circle,

This Charter is intended to initiate a broad-based cultural change in the way society handles general and personal data. [Read more.](#)

fuelling crises on affordability, functionality and ultimately replicability. They advocate to establish a replacement system based on Open Standards and a governing body to ensure 'resilient openness'. [Read more.](#)

Data / SDSC call for projects

The Swiss Data Science Centre (SDSC) is launching its first national call for collaborative projects starting in 2025. The submission deadline of pre-proposals is **15 July 2024**. [Read more.](#)



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