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More Options to Publish Open Access

Researchers at the four research institutes Eawag, Empa, PSI, and WSL have more options now than ever to publish their research results Open Access (OA) and free of charge. Several new agreements significantly expand our portfolio of journals, allowing authors to publish their articles OA without having to pay an article processing charge (APC).

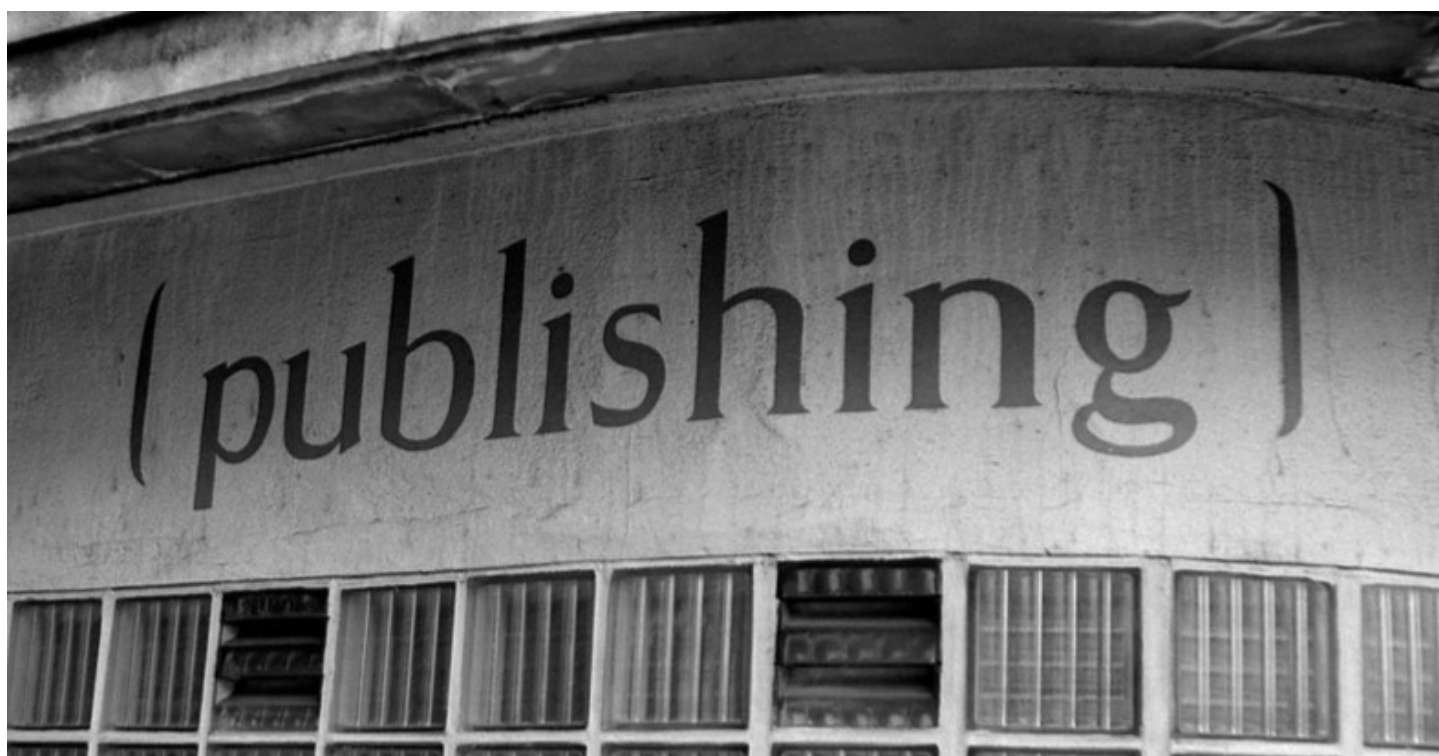


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New Read & Publish Agreements

New Read & Publish agreements have been reached with a number of publishers. Researchers at the four research institutes can now publish OA articles free of charge in journals of the following publishers:

- [AIP](#): all hybrid OA journals (30 journals)
- [IEEE](#): all pure OA journals (25 journals)
- [IOP](#): all journals (74 journals)
- [Microbiology Society](#): all journals (6 journals)

The corresponding author of the submitted article has to be affiliated with Eawag, Empa, PSI, or WSL in order to take advantage of these agreements. Please note that for some publishers, the number of articles to be published OA free of charge is limited to an annual quota. For more journal specific information and for information concerning Read & Publish agreements with many other publishers, please consult the [Lib4RI website](#).

These agreements are the latest addition to Lib4RI's growing collection of Read & Publish agreements, constituting a significant departure from the previous standard in subscription license agreements. They combine

the license fee for reading access (to articles behind a paywall) with the payment of publishing articles OA under one centrally negotiated agreement. Therefore, authors at the research institutes can publish OA without additional costs. In line with the [Swiss National Open Access strategy](#), these deals are shifting the business model underlying academic journal publishing from one based on toll access to one in which publishers are remunerated for their OA services.

New Agreements with Pure Open Access Publishers

In addition to these OA deals with «traditional» publishers, Lib4RI concluded further agreements with two **pure Open Access** publishers. Corresponding authors affiliated with Eawag, Empa, PSI, and WSL submitting to any journal of the following publishers will not be charged an OA fee:

- [Frontiers: all journals](#) (146 journals)
- [MDPI: all journals](#) (386 journals)

Publishing fees are paid directly by Lib4RI and authors will not receive an invoice for their article. For more information, please consult the [Lib4RI website](#).

Do you want to publish in a pure OA journal that is not covered by any of our agreements with publishers? The Lib4RI [Open Access Fund](#) pays OA publication fees on behalf of researchers! Some funding conditions apply, e.g. the corresponding author needs to be (co-)affiliated with one of the research institutes within the ETH domain. For more information about the funding conditions and application procedure, please visit the [Open Access Fund](#) webpage of Lib4RI, or contact us via [email](#).

Even More Options to Publish Open Access without Paying \$\$\$: Green OA

Even though we already concluded agreements that allow you to publish OA free of charge in almost 10'000 journals, we understand that you still might want to publish in a journal not covered by one of these contracts. This includes, for example, articles for which you are not the corresponding author or publications in journals published by Nature and ACS. In such cases, instead of paying the journal an unreasonable fee to publish your article (hybrid) OA, we recommend making your article freely available in DORA via the **green road to OA**.

All you need to do is to submit the **accepted version** of your article (manuscript after peer review without the final layout of the publisher) via [email](#) to DORA. Most journals allow this way to OA, but require an embargo period until the article can be made freely available in the repository. While this is certainly a compromise, researchers can still benefit from this path to OA by having the widest possible audience for their articles. Information about the OA availability of articles in DORA is harvested by services like [Unpaywall](#), and full-text links to free versions in repositories are integrated and displayed on [Web of Science](#) and [Scopus](#). The green road to OA thus makes it very easy for potential readers to find your articles!

Library News



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Electronic Resources: Changes in 2022

Each new year brings changes to our e-journal, e-book, and database subscriptions based on pricing, usage, and user feedback. While we maintained our core subscriptions, we added some products and dropped others. [Read more](#).



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Information on SNSF and EC Projects Added to DORA

You can now easily create publication lists with articles resulting from your research projects funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and European Commission (EC) in DORA as we started to enrich the publication metadata with information on project grants. [Read more](#).

Major Renovation of Lib4RI PSI



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From the beginning of January to approx. mid-May, the library premises at PSI are being renovated. During this time, a temporary room is available in the rear area of the library. [Read more.](#)



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Continuation of Negotiations with Oxford University Press in 2022

In 2021, the negotiations between Oxford University Press (OUP) and the Consortium of Swiss Academic Libraries concluded without any agreement. The talks will continue in 2022. [Read more.](#)



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Looking back on 10 Years Lib4RI

2021 was a very special year for Lib4RI: our 10-year anniversary. We look back on continued commitment to «excellent services for excellent research», new resources and services, a celebratory live event in November, and the premiere of «10 Years Lib4RI – A Retrospective», a film produced by the library team. [Read more and watch the film.](#)



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Co-funding by the ETH Board for our Open Access Fund – New APC Cap

The [Lib4RI Open Access Fund](#) supports authors at Eawag, Empa, PSI, and WSL who wish to publish in fully OA journals and have to pay an APC. At the end of 2021, Lib4RI successfully applied for a Lib4RI OA fund within the [Open Science program of swissuniversities](#), co-funded by the ETH Board. [Read more.](#)

Beyond the Library

Open Science / ORD Action Plan

Swiss scientific institutions (swissuniversities, ETH Board, SNSF, and Academies of Arts and Sciences) have adopted the Open Research Data Strategy (ORD) Action Plan which specifies the measures of the ORD Strategy published in July 2021. This represents a further step towards facilitating access to research data and thus Open Science. [Read more on swissuniversities.](#)

Conference / Open Access Days 2022

Call for Proposals. This year, the Open Access Days (19-21 September 2022) will be held by the University Library of Bern and are dedicated to the topic of "Collaboration". For more information about the conference and submission dates, please visit [open-access-tage](#).

Publishing / Diversity in Research Journals

In the next year, researchers should expect to face a sensitive set of questions whenever they send their papers to journals, and when they review or edit manuscripts. In an effort to chart and reduce bias in scholarly publishing, journals will ask authors,

Publishers / ResearchGate Copyright Lawsuit

ResearchGate wins (and loses) scientific publishers' copyright lawsuit: in 2017, Elsevier and American Chemical Society filed a copyright lawsuit against ResearchGate, claiming that 50 of their articles were made available without permission. A court in Germany has now prohibited ResearchGate from making those titles available, but refused to award damages due to the plaintiffs' failure to demonstrate acquisition rights. [Read more on TorrentFreak.](#)

Peer Review / Preprint Feedback

The potential to get feedback on a preprint is a major benefit of posting one. However, when that feedback is shared publicly, it benefits not only the author, but also the entire community. Nowhere has this been more obvious than in COVID-19 preprints. During the pandemic, non-specialized readers are flocking to preprints, creating an environment in which preprints can be misinterpreted or errors can be inappropriately propagated. However, rapid, public responses on the preprinted work can reduce the risk of this happening. [Read more on Scholarly Kitchen.](#)

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