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We're Celebrating: 10 Years Lib4RI

A milestone year has arrived! This year we are celebrating our 10-year anniversary. 10 years since the libraries of the four Swiss federal research institutes Eawag, Empa, PSI and WSL merged. 10 years of commitment to «excellent services for excellent research». 10 years Lib4RI.



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We take this opportunity to thank all Lib4RI users, the Lib4RI steering committee and the board of directors of the four research institutes for their continued support over the past decade. Over the course of this year, we would like to celebrate what we have achieved with all of you.

On 25 November 2021 we will be celebrating the occasion at each research institute. View the full programme and more information on [our dedicated website](#). Here's what you can look forward to:

Lib4RI Team: 10 Years Lib4RI

Curtain up for your library. In 10 years, the library has achieved a lot! And now is the time to look back on our efforts. With pride and a touch of self-irony, we bring you an entertaining video introducing the library team, highlighting our accomplishments of the past decade and presenting our newest services.

Patti Basler & Philippe Kuhn: Instantprotokolle

Patti Basler is a poet and one of Switzerland's best-known satirists. She analyses with razor-sharp precision, observes with accuracy, comments bluntly, and weaves it all into a playful and witty performance. We are thrilled to have Patti Basler back, 10 years after she celebrated the opening with us. She and her stage partner, Philippe Kuhn, will take notes throughout our anniversary programme and summarise the events from their unique perspective.

Sissy Fox: Live Music

Joana Aderi has many different styles. Her music is difficult to put into words. The music she releases as Sissy Fox has been described as «unpolished electronic», «raw electropop» or «supercooled soul», but nothing quite sums it up. In any case, Joana Aderi is a powerful live-performer that will certainly catch your attention. Following our anniversary programme at Eawag-Empa, Joana Aderi (vocal), Andreas Wettstein (drums), and Flo Diemer (sound tech) will give an electrifying live performance.

... and More: Food & Party

We will offer free nibbles and refreshments for all events at all sites. Come join us for a morning coffee and «Gipfeli» at PSI, for a delicious dessert after lunch at WSL or for an afternoon «Apéro» at Eawag-Empa. Following the Sissy Fox concert, we will throw a party at Eawag and keep on celebrating in the evening. Free snacks will be provided. Alcoholic beverages will be offered at cost price.

You are all warmly invited. We look forward to celebrating with you! [Register here](#).

Library News



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New Read & Publish Agreement with Wiley Entitles Authors to Publish Open Access Free of Charge

Scientists of Eawag, Empa, PSI & WSL can now publish Open Access articles free of charge in most of Wiley's subscription journals. The option to publish Open Access applies to all research and review articles accepted for publication on or after 1 May 2021. The prerequisite for this is an affiliation of the corresponding author with Eawag, Empa, PSI or WSL. [Read more](#).



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Beyond the Library

Research Data Management / Engaging Scientists

Research Data Management (RDM) is now more important than ever. But what is a RDM exactly? Why is it so important to have an institutional RDM policy? And how can researchers be engaged when developing an RDM? This publication gives some answers and practical guidelines. Read more at [LIBER](#).

Peer Review / AI Assistance

Many platforms have already started to use automated screening tools, to prevent plagiarism and failure to

Open Research / Accelerating Knowledge Sharing

The European Commission has officially launched its Open Access publishing venue, [Open Research Europe \(ORE\)](#). The first articles have now been published. Want to know more about the motivation behind establishing Open Research Europe and what the benefits are to researchers? Find out at [European Commission](#).

MDPI / Is MDPI a Predatory Publisher?

Scientists are by and large puzzled by MDPI. On the

respect format requirements. Some tools even attempt to flag the quality of a study or summarise its content, to reduce reviewers' load. However, there are ethical concerns, which arise from such approaches, particularly associated with bias and the extent to which AI systems may replicate bias. Read more at [Nature](#).

China / Warning List of International Journals

The Chinese Academy of Sciences issued the first warning list of international journals, disproportionately targeting full-OA journals that attract a high volume of Chinese content. As Europe doubles down on OA with initiatives such as Plan S, the Chinese administration, intentionally or not, seems to have chosen a different direction. Read more at [The Scholarly Kitchen](#).

Clarivate / Acquisition of ProQuest

Clarivate's acquisition of ProQuest is the largest transaction in recent memory in the scholarly information sector. Both companies work extensively as intermediaries with publishers and libraries. Will this transaction result in strengthened products and improved services for researchers or will it result in information enclosure, lock-in, service deterioration, and price increases? Read more at [The Scholarly Kitchen](#).

one hand, MDPI publishes journals with high impact factor many of which are indexed in Web of Science. On the other hand, MDPI is known for aggressively spamming academics to edit special issues, often in fields that are far away from the expertise of the recipient of the frequent and insistent emails. So, is MDPI predatory or not? Read more at [Paolo Crosetto](#).

Data Tracking / Use by Academic Publishers

This briefing paper outlines how academic publishers are becoming data analytics specialists, indicates the consequences for research and its institutions, and identifies the types of data mining that are being used. As such, it serves to present contemporary practices with a view to stimulating discussion so that positions can be adopted regarding the consequences of these practices for the academic community. Read more at [DFG](#).

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