



Wenner-Gren Foundations



**The Wenner-Gren Foundations and the Academia Europaea  
International Symposium  
Publishing in Academia: Digital Challenges  
May 10-12, 2023 at Wenner-Gren Center, Stockholm, Sweden**

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**Abstract**

Modern information technology has provided opportunities for a faster dissemination of information, including the presentation of research results and data from scientific projects. In this way, there are today unprecedented opportunities for an open science. Any information is possible to upload when a researcher finds it appropriate to do so. In this situation, a consortium of major national research agencies and funders from twelve European countries launched the initiative Plan S requiring by 2020 researchers who benefit from public funding to publish their work in open repositories or in journals that are available to all.

In principle, the idea behind Plan S is very logical: the outcome of publicly funded research should be regarded public property. However, in practice it is associated with both opportunities and challenges. At the same time as the ease of publication implies prospects for faster and wider diffusion of research result, it may lead to quality problems. It also appears that the publishing industry is taking advantage of the project by means of profitable payment models. This in turn has implications for the role of libraries and the economic conditions of universities. Above all, there are indications that the digitalization of academic publishing has repercussions for early and mid-career researchers. Against this backdrop, the symposium will include sessions with expert presentations, followed by discussion, on recent developments in the publishing industry, the role of libraries, repercussions for researchers at different stages of their career and quality assessments.

## **Program**

### **Wednesday May 10**

*12.30-13.00: Registration*

*13.00-13.15: Welcome and Introduction*

Britt-Marie Sjöberg and Lars Engwall

*13.15-14.00: Key-note: State of the Art*

Johan Rooryck, Executive Director, cOAlition S  
*Plan S and cOAlition S: Accelerating the transition to Open Access*

*14.00-14.15: Leg Stretcher*

*14.15-16.15 Session 1: The Publishing Industry*  
*Chair: Lars Engwall*

Dominic Mitchell, Operations Manager, Directory of Open Access Journals  
*Open Access, quality and a community-driven approach*

Masja Horn, Brill Publishing  
*Are we still collaborating? A case for a pluriform publishing landscape*

Chris Graf, Springer Nature  
*Three tides of change: The role of technology in protecting the scientific record*

*16.15-16.45 Coffee Break*

*16.45-18.15 Session 2: The Role of Libraries*  
*Chair: Milena Žic-Fuchs*

Lars Burman, Chief Librarian of Uppsala University  
*Experiences of change: The libraries' role in academic publishing*

Alexandra Vraneš, Library Studies, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia  
*The role of the library within the university*

*18.30 Welcome Reception and Buffet Dinner, 23<sup>rd</sup> floor*

### **Thursday May 11**

*09.00-10.30 Session 3: Repercussions for Early Career Researchers*  
*Chair: Marcel Swart*

Marina M. A. Rantanen Modéer, Board Member, Marie Curie Alumni Association  
*Repercussions for early career researchers*

Scott Bremer, Representative of the Young Academy of Europe  
*Mapping publishing pitfalls for early career researchers*

Pil Maria Saugmann, Eurodoc Secretariat Coordinator  
TBA

*10.30-11.00 Coffee Break*

*11.00-12.30 Session 4: Repercussions for Senior Researchers*  
*Chair: Alban Kellerbauer*

Stefan Helgesson, Professor of English, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden  
*English versus small languages: Navigating forms and genres of research in the age of saturation*

Christine Musselin, Professor of Sociology, SciencePo, Paris, France  
*Transformed publication strategies*

*12.30-13.30 Lunch, 23rd floor*

*13.30-15.00 Session 5: East European Countries*  
*Chair: Jürgen Enders*

George Sharvashidze, Ambassador, Former Rector of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University Georgia, Former Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Georgia  
*Problems of publishing by young scholars in Eastern Europe*

Liviu Papadima, Dean of Faculty of Letters, University of Bucharest  
TBA

*15.00-15.30 Coffee Break*

*15.30-17.30 Session 6: Beyond Europe*  
*Chair: Marie Farge*

Abel Packer, SciELO (Scientific Electronic Library OnLine), a bibliographic database, digital library, and cooperative electronic publisher for open access journals for Latin America and the Caribbean.

*SciELO 25 years of Open Access*

Chengzhou He, Dean of Arts, Nanjing University.  
*Digital publishing and new academic ecosystem: An ANT approach to the recent disputes over a Chinese journal database giant*

Osman Aldirdiri, Director at FORCE 11 (The Future of Research Communications and e-Scholarship) and Executive Committee Member at SPARC Africa (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition Africa).

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*17.45 Departure by bus from Wenner-Gren Center*

*18.00 Dinner on a boat trip*

**Friday May 12**

*09.00-10.30 Session 7: Quality Assessment of OA publishing*

*Chair: Kirsten Drotner*

Sven Stafström, Former Director General, the Swedish Research Council

*Quality assessment of scholarship publications*

Charlotte Wien, Vice President of European Library Relations, Elsevier Verlag, Denmark

*Is living easier with eyes closed?*

*10.30-11.00 Coffee Break*

*11.00-12.30 Session 8: Financial Consequences for Universities*

*Chair: Wim Blockmans*

Astrid Söderbergh-Widding, Rector of Stockholm University, Sweden

*Beyond transformative agreements: Ways forward for universities*

Bjørn Stensaker, Vice-Rector of University of Oslo, Norway

*Rising costs and questionable quality? The need for institutional strategies*

*12.30-13.15: Concluding Panel*

*Chair: Lars Engwall*

Theo D'haen, Former Editor of the *European Review*, Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature

Alban Kellerbauer, Editor of the *European Review*, Scientific officer, European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Karlsruhe, Germany

Katalin Solymosi, Vice-Chair of the Young Academy of Europe, Assistant Professor of Plant Biology at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest.

Milena Žic-Fuchs, AE Board Member, Professor of Linguistics, University of Zagreb, Former Croatian Minister of Science and Technology.

*13.15-14.00 Lunch, 23rd floor*