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DOAJ and SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE SERVICES partner to achieve broader support for Open Access to scientific literature

The new agreement underpins the Directory of Open Access Journals in its work to reach new members and generate more support and shows the strong commitment of Scientific Knowledge Services to the Open Science movement.

Munich, October 20th, 2017- DOAJ announces the agreement with Scientific Knowledge Services (SKS) as its exclusive agent in a selection of countries from the EMEA region (details below). Scientific Knowledge Services will be responsible for facilitating financial support to DOAJ and in this way contribute to the work of DOAJ to assess and promote quality, peer reviewed Open Access journals. This agreement focuses on generating new members and sponsors for DOAJ from the countries listed below, and includes planning, marketing, market research, supervision, training, maintenance of a customer database, record-keeping, and reporting to the DOAJ.

The selection of EMEA countries is listed below:

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech, Egypt, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine.

“We are pleased that SKS have partnered up with us”, says Lars Bjørnshauge, Founder and Managing Director of DOAJ. “We have great confidence in their solid knowledge, strong networks and good track record in the regions covered by this agreement, as well as their ability to liaise efficiently with potential new members in these regions”.

Scientific Knowledge Services (SKS) is a Swiss company backed up by 20 years of experience in working with academic, public and research libraries, focusing on Open Science elements like Open Access (OA), Research Data Management (RDM) and Citizen Science, as well as licenses for online electronic resources. The Managing Director of SKS, Dr. Tiberius Ignat says: “We are strongly supporting Open Science and we believe that Open Access is a major component of modern research activities. We’ve been organising in Europe - for 3 years now - a series of workshops on Open Science with a great positive impact for local communities as well as international stakeholders. Our agreement with DOAJ came naturally in place. We also see this agreement as a recognition of our role in the Open Science landscape and it drives us to an even stronger commitment.”

About SKS

Scientific Knowledge Services (www.knowledge.services) is a Swiss registered company that has an extensive experience in working close with libraries and content providers to facilitate access to scientific knowledge. SKS has a well established practice in finding the right place where interests of libraries, universities, research organizations and content providers meet and in proposing winning solutions for all parties.

Scientific Knowledge Services routes its efforts in understanding each market, by connecting and dedicating time to local communities, assisting the content providers to better serve the specific information needs of each country and supporting the advancement of Open Science elements.

About DOAJ

DOAJ is a community-curated online directory that indexes and provides access to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals. DOAJ is independent, all funding is via donations, 50% of which comes from sponsors and 50% from members and publisher members. All DOAJ services are free of charge including being indexed in DOAJ. All data is freely available.

The aim of the DOAJ is to increase the visibility and ease of use of open access scientific and scholarly journals, thereby promoting their increased usage and impact. The DOAJ aims to be comprehensive and cover all open access scientific and scholarly journals that use a quality control system to guarantee the content.

DOAJ was launched in 2003 at Lund University, Sweden, with 300 open access journals. Since 2013 DOAJ is operated by Infrastructure Services for Open Access C.I.C., a community interest company (not-for-profit) registered in the United Kingdom and today DOAJ lists ca. 10.000 Open Access journals covering all areas of science, technology, medicine, social science and humanities.

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