



Publications and new products

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Dear all,

a few words on some of the stuff I've found on the web: following the not very encouraging results registered by the cOAlition S Report on the data provided by publishers participating to their Transformative Agreements strategy for the calendar year 2022, many have started to questioning the advantage of these agreements on the advancement of open access. I am reporting, among other news I've found on the web, an interesting initiative of the Swedish "Beyond transformative agreements" Working Group aimed to move away from transformative agreements. There are already other proposal to overcome these agreements, lets see what will happen next. Moreover, among my suggested readings section, I've included a blog post of Cabells titled "Unmasking a Predator: predatoryreports.org". I've found it really interesting as it is about a "predatory list" of "predatory journals" who tricked many people (also researchers at my institution) into relying completely into their black list. It is better to follow COPE suggestions and treat the lists of predatory (or fake) journals with the same degree of scrutiny as we do with the journals themselves.

JOURNAL ISSUES

Health Information and Libraries Journal: Contents of March 2024 (41:1)

Editorial

- **ChatGPT: Game-changer or wild card for systematic searching?**
Anthea Sutton and Veronica Parisi

Review

- **ChatGPT in Medical libraries: An integrative review of possibilities and future directions**
Mayank Yuvaraj, Brady D. Lund and Daud Khan

Original Articles

- **Content analysis of medical college library websites in Pakistan indicates necessary improvements.**
Midrar Ullah
- **Using the pet health information behaviour intervention model should make information prescriptions for pet guardians more effective.**
Niloofar Solhjoo
- **Focus groups revealed how community health workers in North Carolina find, verify, and process health information for migrant and seasonal farmworkers.**
Catherine LePrevost, Leslie Cofie, Jamie Bloss & Joseph Lee

PUBLICATIONS AND NEW PRODUCTS

- **Text mining applications to support health library practice: A case study on marijuana legalization Twitter analytics.**
Janice Y Kung, Kynan Ly and Ali Shiri
- **Retracted publications in autism research are mostly concerned with ethical misconduct.**
Deborah H. Charbonneau and Leah R. Ketcheson
- **Methodological and users' surveys on the use of Latin American and Caribbean Literature in Health Sciences (LILACS) in Cochrane reviews identified required improvements to this resource.**
Camila Micaela Escobar-Liquitay, Laura Vergara-Merino, Catalina Verdejo, Matías Kirmayr, Bastian Schuller-Martínez, Eva Madrid, Nicolás Meza, Javier Pérez-Bracchiglione and Juan Victor Ariel Franco
- **Internet and social media preferences of orthopaedic patients vary according to factors such as age and education levels.**
Batuhan Gencer, Özgür Doğan, Ahmet Çulcu, Nuri Korag Ülgen, Can Çamoğlu, Mehmet Murat Arslan, Orhan Mert, Alperen Yiğit, Teoman Bekir Yeni, Furkan Hanege, Elif Nur Gencer and Ali Biçimoğlu

Regular Features

Dissertations into Practice

- **Making research and evaluation more useful and more interesting for information services and their users: a guide for students and practitioners.**
Christine Urquhart

International Perspectives and Initiatives

- **Medical library systems and services: Bangladesh scenario.**
Shafiur Rahman and M Al Mamun

Teaching and Learning in Action

- **Promoting evidence-based practice and nursing excellence: How involvement in a Magnet4Europe research study led to development of Critically Appraised Topics sessions for healthcare staff.**
Claire O'Connor and Beverley Jones

FROM THE WEB

- **Open access: Need to move away from transformative agreements**
In Sweden, the “Beyond transformative agreements” working group (convened by the Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions) has proposed a strategy for how Sweden – and the Bibsam Consortium (the national body which negotiates licence agreements for electronic information resources on behalf of Swedish universities, university colleges, public agencies, and research institutes) - should operate in its negotiations with the publishers in order to move away from transformative agreements. The group’s primary recommendation is that the Bibsam Consortium should refrain from entering read and publish agreements in hybrid journals. Instead, it should only sign agreements for publication in fully open access journals. The group also proposes complementary and supporting strategic initiatives and actions: signing agreements with publishers that only publish open access journals, providing an independent publishing platform like Open Research Europe (ORE), improving the opportunities for migrating researcher-owned journals from traditional publishers to other platforms, and continuing to work with

copyright issues related to open access. The full report and additional info are here:

<https://www.su.se/english/news/open-access-need-to-move-away-from-transformative-agreements-1.683787>

- **COAR new report on the state of repositories in Europe**

In the spring of 2023, OpenAIRE, LIBER, SPARC Europe, and COAR conducted a survey of the European repository landscape. This survey was made to provide essential data that will help shape a joint strategy to enhance and strengthen European repositories. The survey found that collectively, European repositories provide open access to tens or possibly hundreds of millions of valuable research outputs and represent a critical, not-for-profit infrastructure in the European open science landscape. The survey also identified three areas that could be strengthened in order to ensure the European repository network is able to support the evolving needs of the research community: maintaining up-to-date, highly functioning software platforms; applying consistent and comprehensive good practices in terms of metadata, preservation, and usage statistics; and gaining appropriate visibility in the scholarly ecosystem. The full report, *Current State and Future Directions for Open Repositories in Europe*, is available on Zenodo: [10.5281/zenodo.10255559](https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.10255559)

- **UNESCO. Open Science Outlook 1**

UNESCO has published a report, *Open Science Outlook 1. Status and trends around the world*, to assess the state of open science at the global level in line with the 2021 UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science. This first edition of the global Open Science Outlook seeks to identify potential metrics or indicators and methodologies, both qualitative and quantitative, that can describe the status and progress of open science across the regions, actors and disciplines. It also highlights essential gaps in the available data and information, as well as the means to assess the impact of open science on the benefits of science for all. This publication also explores the challenges faced by myriad open science actors around the world in embracing open science, such as concerns related to intellectual property and the need for adequate infrastructure and funding. It highlights areas that require more attention and resources, aiding policy-makers, funders and other leaders in setting strategic priorities for advancing open science. The Report can be freely downloadable at:

<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000387324.locale=enpf0000387324.locale=en>

- **United2Act. Against paper mills**

United2Act (<https://united2act.org/>) is a group of international stakeholders working collaboratively to address the collective challenge of paper mills in scholarly publishing. In 2022, COPE and STM undertook a study (read the Report here: <https://publicationethics.org/resources/research/paper-mills-research>) based on data from publishers and interviews with stakeholders, to understand the scale of the problem of paper mills, and to consider what actions to take. After the issuing of the Report, a virtual summit in May 2023 engaged research bodies, publishers, researchers, universities, and publishing infrastructure and resulted in a Consensus Statement outlining five key areas of action. The five areas are: education and awareness, improvement of post-publication corrections, more research on paper mills, the development of trust markers, and the facilitation of the dialogue between stakeholders about the systematic manipulation of the publication process. Each area has a dedicated working group assigned to it.

READING SUGGESTIONS

- Cabells. Unmasking a Predator: PredatoryReports.org [blog], The Source, January 16, 2024 <https://blog.cabells.com/2024/01/16/unmasking-a-predator-predatoryreports-org/>
- Koerber A. et al. *The Predatory Paradox. Ethics, Politics, and Practices in Contemporary Scholarly Publishing* <https://www.openbookpublishers.com/books/10.11647/OBP.0364>
- Linacre S. *The Predator Effect: Understanding the Past, Present and Future of Deceptive Academic Journals* <https://www.fulcrum.org/concern/monographs/1j92gb03n>

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- Dufour, Q., Pontille, D., & Torny, D. (2023). Supporting diamond open access journals: Interest and feasibility of direct funding mechanisms. *Nordic Journal of Library and Information Studies*, 4(2), 35–55. <https://doi.org/10.7146/njlis.v4i2.140344>

SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS

5th International Library Staff Week

13-17 May, Istanbul, Turkey

The main theme of the 5th International Library Staff Week is Digital, in every sense. This event brings together professional Library staff with varied backgrounds working in universities or other research orientated libraries with an interest in sharing ideas and networking with colleagues. For further information: https://libguides.ku.edu.tr/ilsw_2024

19th International Conference on Open Repositories

3-6 June, Göteborg, Sweden

The theme for the OR2024 conference is: Empowering Global Progress. OR2024 intends to provide an opportunity to explore and reflect on the ways repositories enable transparent and sustainable information and data. For more info: <https://or2024.openrepositories.org/about/>

European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL) 2024

11-14 June, Riga, Latvia

The conference theme, Small Step and a Giant Leap: Reorienting Towards a New Environment, encourages libraries to adapt and thrive amidst continual evolution, encompassing both incremental changes and significant advancements while building upon the inspiring ideas of the EAHIL 2023 theme. Here is the link to the conference website: <https://eahil2024.rsu.lv/>

2024 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition

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LIBER 2024 Annual Conference

3-5 July, Limassol, Cyprus

LIBER's Annual Conference is one of the most important gatherings for research library professionals in Europe. The theme of the 2024 Conference is: State-of-the-art Libraries in the Service of Science and Society. More info at: <https://liberconference.eu/>

Please feel free to contact me (annarita.barbaro@iss.it) if you have any further suggestion about initiatives or events you would like to promote.