Publications and new products

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Dear colleagues,

for this issue's "Publications and new products" column I've searched the web and selected news and articles regarding a number of current topics I hope would be of you interest. Especially the future of Open Access publishing is much debated now with different proposals such as the Diamond Open Access publishing model or the radical cOAlition S's proposal.

I would also like to take this occasion to wish you and your family all the best for the New Year.

JOURNAL ISSUES

Health Information and Libraries Journal: contents of December 2023 (40:4)

Editorial

- **COVID-19, health librarianship and the wider context.**
  Maria J Grant

Review

- **Key topics in social science research on COVID-19: An automated literature analysis.**
  Xian Cheng, Ying Zhao and Stephen Shaoyi Liao

Original Articles

- **COVID-19 information-seeking needs and behaviour among citizens in Isfahan, Iran: A qualitative study.**
  Mohammad Reza Soleymani, Hasan Ashrafi-Rizi, Maedeh Esmailzadeh and Faezeh Taghipour

- **An evaluation of the quality of COVID-19 websites in terms of HON principles and using DISCERN tool.**
  Reza Safdari, Marsa Gholamzadeh, Soheila Saeedi, Mozhgan Tanhapour and Sorayya Rezayi

- **Bibliometric analysis of COVID-19 publications shows the importance of telemedicine and equitable access to the internet during the pandemic and beyond.**
  Mahnaz Samadbeik, Peivand Bastani and Farhad Fatehi

- **General Practitioners' wellbeing during the COVID-19 Pandemic: novel methods with social media data.**
  Su Golder, Laura Jefferson, Elizabeth McHugh, Holly Essex, Claire Heathcote, Ana Castro Avila, Veronica Dale, Christina Van Der Feltz-Cornelis and Karen Bloor

- **Topics of questions and community interaction in social Q&A during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
  Sanghee Oh and Hengyi Fu

Regular Features
Dissertations into Practice

- **Quick links: Apprenticeship project.**
  Katy Greenfield

International Perspectives and Initiatives

- **Information technology and changing role models in German Libraries: the example of OPEN-CAM.**
  Christa K. Raak, Sebastian Unger, David D. Martin and Thomas Ostermann

Teaching and Learning in Action

- **An overview of the capabilities of ChatGPT for medical writing and its implications for academic integrity.**
  Salman Bin Naeem, Huihui Liu, Mehreen Azam and Anthony Faiola

FROM THE WEB

- **Principles of Diamond Open Access Publishing: a draft proposal**
  Diamond open access refers to a scholarly publication model in which journals or platforms don't charge fees either to readers nor to authors as they are funded, directly or indirectly, by non-profit organizations, research institutions, or government agencies. Various stakeholders of the Open Access community (among them cOAlition S, the Fair Open Access Alliance (FOAA), OPERAS, or SciELO) are jointly working on principles defining the ethos of Diamond OA publishing, the first draft of these Principles of Diamond Open Access Publishing can be read and commented here: https://thd.hypotheses.org/35

- **cOAlition S's new proposal: "Towards responsible publishing"**
  The funders forming cOAlition S are proposing a more radical revolution for science publishing based on a community-based scholarly communication that empowers scholars to share the full range of their research outputs and to participate in new quality control mechanisms and evaluation standards for these outputs. Read the blog post introducing the proposal: https://www.coalition-s.org/blog/introducing-the-towards-responsible-publishing-proposal-from-coalition-s/ The draft of their proposal is, at the moment, in a consultative process phase offering researchers the opportunity to voice their opinions and contribute to its development. The consultation will run from November 2023 until April 2024. Based on the feedback through this consultation, a revised proposal will be developed for the cOAlition S funders to consider in June 2024. To read the draft of the proposal click here: https://www.coalition-s.org/towards-responsible-publishing/

- **The state of Open Data 2023**
  The State of Open Data, now in its eighth year, is a global survey that sheds light on researchers' attitudes and experiences towards openly sharing their data. The publisher Springer Nature partnered with Digital Science and Figshare to publish this year's State of Open Data white paper, which offers interesting insights based on 6,091 survey responses. This white paper provides a detailed view on the current state of open data as well as recommendations on the actions that need to be taken to better support the research community as it moves towards an open data future. It can be read here:
  https://digitalscience.figshare.com/articles/report/The_State_of_Open_Data_2023/24428194

- **CrossRef acquired the Retraction Watch Database**
  The Retraction Watch database (http://retractiondatabase.org/RetractionSearch.aspx) has been acquired by Crossref and made a public resource. An agreement between the two organisations will allow Retraction Watch to keep the data populated on an ongoing basis and always open, alongside publishers registering their retraction notices directly with Crossref. The agreement with Crossref is confined to the database only. The Center for Scientific Integrity and the Retraction Watch blog (https://retractionwatch.com/) will remain separate from Crossref and will continue their journalistic work investigating retractions and related issues.

- **Using Altmetric Data Responsibly: A Guide to Interpretation and Good Practice**
  As a result of the growing interest in altmetrics, and in particular the interest in Altmetric as the leading provider of altmetrics data, the practitioner community of LIS-Bibliometrics created a new responsible use guide on Altmetric data. This guide is intended for use by librarians, practitioners, funders, and other users of Altmetric data or those who are interested in incorporating altmetrics into their bibliometric practice and/or research analytics. The Guide is available for download:
  https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/handle/10919/116448

- **OAI13 content is now available online**
  It is possible to download all the slides and watch the videos of all the sessions of the Geneva Workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication (OAI13) held virtually from 4-8 September 2023. All materials can be found at https://oai.events/

- **Peer review resources**
  The organizers of the Peer Review Week have collected a number of useful resources (videos, podcasts, online publications) about peer review on their website. To have a look click here:
  https://peerreviewweek.wordpress.com/peer-review-resources/

READING SUGGESTIONS

- Shen, C. and Shah, L. Predatory publishing practices: what researchers should know before submitting their manuscript. Insights: the UKSG journal. 2023;36(1):19. https://doi.org/10.1629/uksg.631
- Schlussel MM, Sharp MK, de Beyer JA, et al. Reporting guidelines used varying methodology to develop recommendations. J Clin Epidemiol. 2023;159:246-256. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclinepi.2023.03.018
- Maddi, A., Sapinho, D. On the culture of open access: the Sci-hub paradox. Scientometrics. 2023;128, 5647–5658. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-023-04792-5 (article behind a paywall, can be accessed as a preprint at: https://arxiv.org/ftp/arxiv/papers/2309/2309.12349.pdf). One of the authors published a blog post on the article on: https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2023/10/25/sci-hub-presents-a-paradox-for-open-access-publishing/

SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS

UKSG (United Kingdom Serials Group) Annual Conference 2024
8-10 April, Glasgow, UK
More info at: https://www.uksg.org/event/conference24

Edinburgh Open Research Conference 2024
29 May, Edinburgh, UK
The focus of the conference will be on the role of Open Research in changing research culture for the better. The three central themes will be: next generation metrics, research Integrity, education and skills. The

organizers also welcome contributions addressing the other pillars of open science: FAIR data, scholarly communications, reward & recognition, and citizen science. More info at: https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services/research-support/open-research/edinburgh-open-research-conference

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