

Supplementary background information

What is „Publish&Read“?

Publish&Read (PAR) is a central component of the Open Access transformation agreement. It contains a sustainable cost model in which a fair fee (PAR fee) is paid. On the one hand, this covers the publication of a scientific publication with first authors at participating institutions in Open Access (Publish). On the other hand, the worldwide free read access is compensated (Read), without additional costs.

What does „Gold Open Access“ mean?

The "Gold Road" to Open Access (short Gold OA) describes the immediately available, freely accessible publication of an article in a corresponding scientific e-journal. The publication is often provided with a Creative Commons license to be easily reused and distributed. They are subject to the same processes of peer review and editorial review as scientific publications published under the established subscription model.

What is the “Max Planck Digital Library Services GmbH”?

To enable the signing of the DEAL contract with Wiley, the Max Planck Society, as a member of the Alliance of Science Organisations - after approval by the federal and state governments financing it in the Joint Science Conference (GWK) - founded the MPDL Services GmbH. The Max Planck Digital Library (MPDL) Services GmbH acts as signing contractual partner.

Will the contract’s wording be published?

Yes, the full text of the contract will be published on the DEAL website. For legal reasons, this will take place from mid-February 2019.

Which institutions can participate in the contract?

All scientific institutions in Germany that are also entitled to participate in the Alliance and National Licenses (including: universities, universities of applied sciences, research institutions, state and regional libraries).

Which publications are included in the contract?

The contract distinguishes between the following types of journals:

- Subscription journals in which Open Access publications are possible (1420 titles) and a smaller proportion of titles in which Open Access publications are not currently possible (178 titles)
- original Gold Open Access journals (110 titles)

The number of titles indicated reflects the situation at the beginning of the contract. Newly established magazines transferred to Wiley will be added. When magazines leave Wiley or cease publication, they will be removed from the list accordingly. Wiley will endeavor to further minimize the number of journals in which Open Access publication is not yet possible.

Is Open Access mandatory?

No. The authors can also decide not to publish the publication in Open Access. It should be noted that this does not reduce costs.

How is the DEAL agreement in line with what's happening with OA around the globe?

The agreement between Project DEAL and Wiley makes a major contribution to the transformation to Open Access and is in line with international and nationwide initiatives such as OA2020.

How does the DEAL agreement shape Wiley's Open Access and Open Science position today and in the future?

Wiley, in partnership with Project DEAL believes that there is an opportunity to shape the way in which research is published and accessed. The scholarly communications environment is changing and new business models are required to support this change. Through this Agreement, we are pursuing an experiment in mutual good faith with the intent to advance Open Access and Open Science in Germany in a sustainable way.