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Virtual Webinar: Transformative Open Access Agreements: a response to scholarly publishing

Date: 22 September 2021 | Time: 14:00-16:00

- Moderator:** **Marguerite Nel:** Assistant Director: Library Technical Services, DLS, University of Pretoria
- 14:00 – 14:05 **Lindiwe Soyizwapi:** Director, DLS, University of Pretoria:
Welcome and Introduction
- 14:05 – 14:25 **Vanessa Steenkamp:** Deputy Dean T&L, Health Sciences, University of Pretoria:
APC's: the fine print
- 14:25 – 14:45 **Tivani Mashamba-Thomson:** Dean Research for Faculty of Health Sciences:
Use of the evidence ecosystem framework to enhance impact and visibility of our research
- 14:45 – 15:05 **Sara Rouhi:** Deputy Director, Strategic Partnerships, PLOS, Washington, D.C. USA:
APC and Non-APC models
- 15:05 – 15:25 **Christopher Pym:** Senior Institutional Engagement Manager, Springer Nature, North Africa, UK, Ireland, Nordics:
The Transition to Open Access
- 15:25 – 15:45 **Glenn Truran:** Director: SANLIC, South Africa: **Transformative agreements from the perspective of the South African National Library and Information Consortium**
- 15:45 - 15:55 **Marguerite Nel:** Panel Discussions and Q&A
- 15:55 – 16:00 **Lazarus Matzirofa:** Deputy Director, Scholarly Communication, Digital Services and Systems, DLS, University of Pretoria: **Closing Remarks**



Prof Vanessa Steenkamp:
Deputy Dean: T&L Faculty of Health Sciences

Prof Vanessa Steenkamp took up the position of Deputy Dean: Teaching & Learning in September 2019. Besides her Doctoral degree in Clinical Chemistry, she holds a postgraduate diploma in Education. Prior to her appointment as Dean, she was the Head of Department of Pharmacology at UP. Her research interests are focused on traditional herbal remedies and the development of drugs from said medications. She is an established NRF rated researcher. Her outputs include 180 scientific papers, 7 book chapters, 328 presentations at conferences, supervision of 65 postgraduate students to graduation. She is registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as a Biological Scientist and has dual registration as a Natural Scientist and Toxicologist with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions. She has received various awards for her research both nationally and internationally. She acts as reviewer for 36 international peer-reviewed journals and is on the editorial board of 9 journals. She is an active member of scientific organizations and holds an executive role as President of the South African Association of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology, President of the Federation of South African Society of Pathology and Vice-President of the Toxicology Society of South Africa.

Her talk will provide insight into why article processing charges (APCs) are levied. The advantages of APCs will be referred to. It is important to know when to throw caution to the wind. It is crucial to weigh up the cost-benefit. When funding is limited, authors should be aware of possible avenues that can be used to obtain funding to meet the costs of APCs.



Tivani Mashamba-Thompson
Deputy Dean: Research for Faculty of Health Sciences

Tivani Mashamba-Thompson is a Professor and Deputy Dean Research for Faculty of Health Sciences, an NRF-rated researcher and Medical Scientist with more than 10 years of international experience in the healthcare field. She serves as an Issue Editor for Diagnostics journal (impact factor 3.7) and as an editorial board member for the Lancet's EBioMedicine journal (impact factor 8.1). She has a well-established research track record of securing grant funding, successfully executing the research and disseminating the findings, with more than 100 peer reviewed publications in DHET accredited journals and a Google Scholar H-index of 17. She has supervised and mentored more than 20 postgraduate students to completion. Her expertise in point-of-care diagnostics and evidence synthesis research has been acknowledged through invitations to participate in international and local reference groups for development of new models for medical innovations such as University College London CASMI (Centre for the Advancement of Sustainable Medical Innovation) and the Limpopo Province's provincial COVID19 response committee.

The evidence-informed approach to policy-making and implementation is, at its core, about better decisions for a better future. It is grounded in principles of equity and equality, of accountability and transparency. In line with the transparency principle, researchers/evidence producers are required to efficiently share their research findings and spread of information across the evidence ecosystem. This calls for programs that are aimed at supporting evidence producers to support better dissemination of research.



Sara Rouhi:
Director, Strategic Partnerships, PLOS

Sara Rouhi is the Director of Strategic Partnerships at PLOS in Washington, D.C. USA, focusing on developing new business models for sustainable, inclusive open access publishing. In 2020, she launched PLOS's first collective action business model for highly selective publishing, PLOS Community Action Publishing, and has solicited over 50 partners from across the globe including consortia like the Big Ten Academic Alliance, Jisc, and CRKN. In 2021, PLOS launched their second, values-based model, PLOS Global Equity, to address the challenges of geographic inequity in open access publishing.

Her partnerships work focuses on collaborating with values-aligned organizations to further PLOS' open science mission. Follow her @RouhiRoo on Twitter and <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sararouhi>

Her presentation will provide an overview of the APC business model, the evolution of "gold" open access publishing, and why publishers around the world should explore new, more inclusive business models to making publishing equitable. PLOS will specifically focus on their three new, non-APC models, "Flat fees," Global Equity" and "Community Action Publishing." The presentation will also briefly highlight other non-APC models from other publishers.



Christopher Pym:
Senior Institutional Engagement Manager

Chris Pym is the Senior Institutional Engagement Manager in the following regions: the United Kingdom, Ireland, Nordics, BeNeLux, Eastern Europe (rest of), Italy, Middle East, and North Africa.

In my current role at Springer Nature, my team and I are responsible for ensuring that the Open Access needs of research organizations are understood by Springer Nature and, where possible, to provide solutions to any issues. This could include anything from working with institutions to set-up centralized APC payment workflows, to providing information on our Open Access and open data policies.

In order to speed the transition to Open Access (OA), Springer Nature pioneered the "Compact" transformative agreement. These agreements aim to combine reading and Open Access publishing rights to a large collection of journals to ensure that as much of a country's output is openly accessible to the world. In his presentation, he will share details of the benefits and challenges involved in agreeing a transformative agreement, as well as discussing other OA developments from Springer Nature.



**Glenn Truran:
Director, SANLiC**

Glenn Truran has been the director of SANLiC since 2014 and works from home in Cape Town. After graduating from the University of the Witwatersrand with a BA and HDipEd (PG), he worked briefly as an educator in South Africa and England. Subsequently, he completed a diploma in public policy and development administration at the University of the Witwatersrand and, in 2003, received his MBA from the University of Cape Town. Before joining SANLiC, Glenn worked in several educational and poverty alleviation non-profit organizations in Gauteng and Cape Town. Glenn has been actively involved in SANLiC's Open Access Transformational Agreements task team.

The South African National Library and Information Consortium (SANLiC) is actively engaged in negotiating transformative agreements with selected publishers on behalf of its members. SANLiC represents all public South African universities and six national research institutions.

At a Special General Meeting held on the 23rd of June 2021, SANLiC members adopted sixteen principles with the intention of replacing existing journal reading subscription agreements, which no longer serve the interests of our researchers and the South African National System of Innovation, with agreements that incorporate reading and publishing services. In so doing, we expect to grow our members' research agenda and the dissemination thereof.

His presentation will explore some of the South African research output data analysis underpinning SANLiC's strategy as well some of the principles identified as essential for South Africa's research agenda. It will provide insight into the implications these principles hold for various stakeholders involved in accessing, consuming and publishing scholarly information.