

## **OASPA 2023 Conference Panel Session Abstracts**

Tuesday 19 September

### ***Opening panel discussion and Q&A: A Progress Check on Scholarly Publishing***

Join us for the opening session of the conference as our panelists discuss the current state of open scholarly publishing. This roundtable discussion is intended to provide a platform for a progress check, focusing on topics which have been discussed at past OASPA conferences as well as across the community. Panelists will consider where they are seeing success stories, where there are challenges, and how those might be overcome. It's an opportunity to take stock of how the community and indeed OASPA are progressing towards equitable open access publishing and to make suggestions for what more needs to be done - what are the realistic avenues for OASPA and our community to pursue? We want to hold ourselves and the community to account for progress being made and intend for this session to be intentional in enabling us to move beyond conversation.

### ***Panel | Overcoming obstacles in policy development***

This session convenes global open science stakeholders, policy makers and policy experts to engage, discuss and share experiences around National and institutional Open Science Policies regarding policy development approaches, processes, implementation, and related obstacles. Several case studies have been invited to provide a basis for discussions on best practices. This session seeks to contribute to building up a set of tested best practices in open science policy development.

Wednesday 20 September

### ***Panel | A steady takeover: Exploring the impact of AI on academic publishing***

This panel discussion will focus on the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on academic publishing. Four experts will provide examples and insights into how AI is affecting the publishing sector at different levels. We will begin by looking at the implications of AI for journal editors (Katherine Malan), then move on to how technology is transforming tools and services for authors (Avi Staiman). The discussion will then shift to a sector-wide perspective (Joris Van Rossum), followed by a discussion of how AI is affecting research and publishing cultures

(Danny Kingsley). Each expert will share their viewpoints, followed by a best- and worst-case scenario, providing a balanced understanding of the direction of travel of this technology.

### ***Panel | Preprints: Supporting Open Peer Review and Global Preprint Adoption Trends***

This session brings together a panel of international leaders from Asia, South America, the USA, and Africa who are experts in building and managing preprint repositories serving the needs of major geographical regions and non-English language communities. The panelists will discuss recent developments regarding the attitudes toward, and usage of preprints in the areas that they serve. They will also outline the organizational, financial, and infrastructure challenges involved in creating sustainable and inclusive preprint services for geographically and linguistically diverse research communities. Finally, the panelists will place the initiatives on which they work in the context of the global preprint landscape and offer their assessments of where preprinting in their communities is heading in the next 5-10 years.

### ***Panel | Going Beyond OA: Sustainability – Justice – Resilience***

Embracing Open Access (OA) as the primary mode of scholarly communication involves a complex interplay of financial, technological and policy-related considerations. While these factors receive considerable attention in the community, additional perspectives are often overlooked when we think about a fully OA future. This session seeks to go beyond OA to explore the synergies between the OA movement and other core topics: Sustainability, Justice and Resilience.

Panelists will speak to each of these topics in turn: “Sustainability” - looking at how both the global sustainability agenda and industry-specific initiatives like the SDG Publishers Compact may impact the OA movement; “Justice” – exploring where justice comes in for authors as a result of slipping quality standards in the shift towards volume publishing, how can the fragile balance of trust be maintained between publishers and authors?; “Resilience” - although the publishing industry has demonstrated resilience throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, it must also anticipate and adapt to future shocks including economic crises and potential policy changes.

This panel seeks to push beyond the boundaries of the scholarly publishing ecosystem and explore these topics through the lens of academic experts in the fields of sustainability, social justice, and resilience, thus stimulating further awareness and inspiring new avenues of conversation and debate.

### ***Panel | Equity and sustainability in Diamond OA publishing***

How can we provide equitable and sustainable support for the labour of Diamond OA publishing? How can we move away from APCs/BPCs without creating underfunded publications or publishing programs? We consider these questions with speakers from different national contexts, working with journals and books, to explore their visions of how Diamond OA can flourish as a scholarly communication model.

Thursday 21 September

***Panel | Mission-driven publishers' transition models examined***

Each year, open access continues to grow as a percentage of the scholarly literature, with up to 50% of published articles now available without subscription. But this growth is not uniform, with mounting concerns that the predominant paths to OA limit participation from some under-served sections of the global research community.

This panel session will bring together publishers with a variety of different business models, and will debate some of the burning issues around equitable opportunities for open access. The lively Q&A format will cover topics such as regional representation, allowances for un- and under-funded researchers, and more.

***Panel | Transforming research integrity: the growing potential of open science practices***

Over the past decades, open science practices have been reshaping scientific endeavours. These practices, which include open access publishing, open data and code sharing, preprinting and more, promise to foster a more transparent, collaborative and efficient research ecosystem. However, their impact on research integrity is a complex and underexplored area.

This panel discussion aims to delve into this critical issue, exploring the contribution of open research practices in addressing potential research integrity failures and promoting healthy research cultures. Drawing on insights from a diverse range of experts, we aim to stimulate a nuanced and forward-looking conversation about the future of open research and its role in supporting the highest standards of research integrity.

***OASPA Equity in OA 2023 Workshops Feedback***

OASPA's Malavika Legge will update conference attendees on a series of multi-stakeholder workshops OASPA has been running this year bringing participants from various countries together around the question of how we can deliver OA more equitably.

She will now cover why we embarked on this journey, what we did, what OASPA has learnt so far, and some thoughts on what could happen next. On this we also hope to learn from attendees about what you think is important for OASPA to do next to increase Equity in OA. OASPA is mission driven and exists to make OA better with the Goal to have OA as the predominant mode of publishing for scholarly outputs - but how do we get there? The way in which we offer/deliver/enable or transition to full OA really matters.