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Closes: 13 July 2021

[Research Communications Newsletter survey](#)

Dear readers, the RSB continues to publish this free monthly newsletter with a roundup of online publication policy and research communication news, debate, meetings and events. The newsletter was created to meet the needs of our community, and we hope it is still a useful resource. By completing this feedback survey, you can help us to understand its current value and improve this service.

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Spotlight on open access debate

[Open Access agreements with smaller publishers require active cross-stakeholder alignment, report says](#)

The report was commissioned by cOAlition S and the Association of Learned & Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP) as a follow-up on the outcomes of the Society Publishers Accelerating Open Access and Plan S (SPA-OPS) project, published in autumn 2019.

[Opinion: Publishing research openly is not just a 'nice to have'](#)

The response to the global pandemic has demonstrated the huge value of open science, and a united front is needed to accelerate the transition toward this new way of working, states Anne Mills Deputy Director, Provost and Professor of health economics and policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Publication policy and debate

[Opinion: Turning a critical eye on reference lists](#)

Writing for The Scholarly Kitchen, Angela Cochran, Vice President of Publishing, American Society of Clinical Oncology, revisits her call to provide more editorial scrutiny to journal article references.

[Content at scale – the third wave](#)

Writing for The Scholarly Kitchen, Judy Luther, President of Informed Strategies, looks back at the waves of change that have reshaped the publishing industry and the use of analytics and AI to assist in the transition to open content.

[Hundreds of gibberish papers still lurk in the scientific literature](#)

The nonsensical computer-generated articles, spotted years after the problem was first seen, could lead to a wave of retractions, reports Nature News.

[The challenges, risks, and rewards of launching a new journal](#)

This Wiley blog covers how the Association for the Sciences of Limnology & Oceanography founded a new journal detailing the experiences of the launch to sustained operations and growth.

[Opinion: Authorship lists are dead – get the CRediT you deserve](#)

In this article written for Eurodoc, Mathew Tata, Eurodoc Board Member and Postdoctoral Researcher at Karolinska Institutet, explores the culture surrounding authorship.

[Survey finds lack of diversity among journal editors](#)

The Scientist covers how researchers have documented the underrepresentation of minority groups by collecting data on editors' various races, sexual orientations, and gender identities at 25 scientific and medical journals.

[UK Reproducibility Network \(UKRN\) Newsletter – June 2021](#)

The June 2021 issue of the UKRN newsletter features the latest news, event information and tips on UKRN resources.

International publishing

[cOAlition S expands its global footprint as the Québec Research Funds adopt Plan S](#)

cOAlition S welcomes on board the Québec Research Funds as the latest organisation – and first North American public funder – to join the international consortium of research funding and performing organisations committed to delivering full and immediate Open Access to scientific publications.

[OA series in Asia: an interview with Hong Kong University of Science and Technology](#)

In the third instalment of a series exploring viewpoints on Open Access in Asia, Wiley invited Gabi Wong, Head of Research Support Services at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Library, to share her experience of how sentiments towards OA have changed throughout the years.

Metrics

[Frosty reception for algorithm that predicts research papers' impact](#)

A mathematical model designed to forecast the success of biotechnology papers has drawn criticism from researchers, reports Nature News.

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