

Why Open Access?

When authors provide Open Access to their work this leads to:

- An increase in the visibility and accessibility of their research
- Maximum usage and consequently a potential rise of the citation rate and impact
- A strengthening of the author's position as usage rights often stay with the author of the publication
- Application of innovative functionalities, for example, integration of databases, research data or supplementary materials
- Reduction of access barriers for interdisciplinary research and web-based scholarly communication

Open Access at the Max Planck Society

Working in close co-operation, the Max Planck Digital Library (MPDL) together with the individual Max Planck Institutes (MPIs), seek to provide information and support on Open Access for MPS authors, for example via the mailing list of the "MPS Open Access Network". All interested MPS members can subscribe by sending an e-mail to:

open-access@mpdl.mpg.de

Together, the MPDL and MPIs offer support for authors by:

- Operating and further developing the central repository of the MPS where its accumulated research output can be archived and made publicly available
- Offering local support for users of the central repository
- Assuming the Open Access publication costs for Max Planck authors centrally for several publishers
- Organizing and conducting information events and workshops on Open Access at MPIs

In addition, the MPS invests in a technical Open Access infrastructure by, for example:

- Providing the repository system PubMan
<http://pubman.mpd.mpg.de>
- Publishing the Living Reviews Journal Family
www.livingreviews.org
- Developing solutions for net-based scholarly work, for example, for publishing of research data: geographical visualization of linguistic data (WALS) or a database of facial expressions (FACES)
<http://wals.info>
<http://faces.mpd.mpg.de/>

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Commitment of the Max Planck Society to Open Access



The Max Planck Society is committed to the principle that the findings of fundamental research should be accessible to all. It was in this spirit that the Berlin Open Access Declaration was drawn up. I would strongly encourage you to also publish your own research according to open access principles, thereby participating in the establishment of a globally accessible platform of scientific and scholarly knowledge!

*Peter Gruss,
President of the Max Planck Society*

The Max Planck Society (MPS) publicly demonstrated its commitment to Open Access by initiating *The Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities* in 2003.

<http://oa.mpg.de>

What is Open Access?

Open Access literature is online, free of charge for all readers, and permits its distribution and further use for research, education and other purposes. Open Access is focused on peer-reviewed scholarly research publications and their pre- and post-prints.

Open Access publishing is especially attractive for scholars who publish more to gain recognition than to derive income from their publications.

How to publish in an Open Access compatible way

There are two main strategies towards Open Access:

- Self-archiving (Green Road)

Many traditional publishers permit **self-archiving**, i.e. they allow the author of a book or article in a **toll access journal** to make an electronic version (pre-/post-print, final version) of his/her publication available via a personal website or preferably a repository. A broad overview on the respective publishers' policies is provided by the SHERPA/RoMEO list.

www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo

- Open Access Publishing (Golden Road)

Open Access journals can be genuine (all articles) or hybrid (some articles are freely available directly upon publication). Several thousand peer-reviewed **Open Access journals** are listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). Some of them require publication charges.

www.doaj.org/doaj?func=forAuthors

The MPS is supporting both roads actively and in a sustainable manner. For this reason it is running a central repository and has concluded a number of agreements with Open Access publishers according to which the article publication charges are covered by central MPS funds without burdening the local Max Planck Institutes research budgets.

Author's choices for publishing Open Access compatible

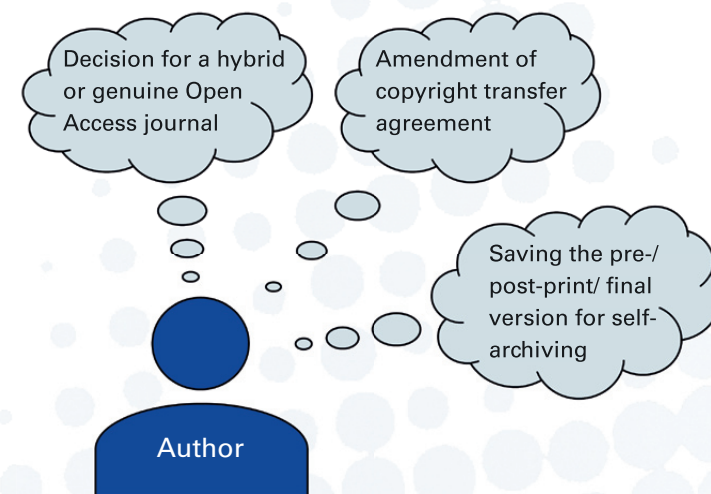
Firstly the author may decide to publish in a genuine or hybrid Open Access journal.

In the case of a decision to publish in a toll access journal, the author should aim to preserve his/her right for self-archiving.

This can be achieved by an amendment of the copyright transfer agreement requested by the publisher.

But even in cases where the copyright transfer agreement is accepted without any changes, many publishers permit self-archiving for the authors.

MPS strongly encourages its members to make use of these options:



Please refer to your library or the MPDL Open Access Policy Team for more detailed information and support relating to the publication and self-archiving process.