

## COMMUNIQUÉ FROM LIBRARY SERVICES

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Dear Colleagues / Staff and Students

(Category – Announcement)

### **Publishing in Open Access hybrid journals**

The University of KwaZulu-Natal Library Services is pleased to announce that it has entered into transformational agreement with the South African National Library Consortium (SANLiC) which allows researchers to publish articles in open access journals without having to pay for the article publishing charges or fees (APC).

Transformational agreements are contracts negotiated between institutions and publishers that transform agreements that consortia have with publishers, moving from subscription access to one in which publishers are paid for their Open Access publishing services.

Open Access (OA) publishing is whereby hybrid journals that are journals that are paid subscriptions, but also allow articles to be published OA for a fee. It allows authors at UKZN to publish their article OA in all hybrid journals.

Currently we have concluded agreements with Wiley, SAGE and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

### **Wiley**

University of KwaZulu-Natal authors may publish open access in any of Wiley's hybrid journals at no charge to the author. If you publish your next paper open access, your article will immediately be freely and globally available online.

The four-year agreement with Wiley provides the following benefits:

- Grow article readership
- Increase the pace of discovery
- Build your reputation in the field

### **SAGE**

The three-year transformative deal will provide expanded open access publishing opportunities for corresponding authors at SANLiC member institutions.

This transformative agreement will enable member institutions to access SAGE's portfolio of over 1100 journals across the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science, Technology and Medicine. Other benefits include:

- Unlimited, free open access publishing in SAGE Choice hybrid titles.
- Read access to SAGE's latest Premier collection of over 1100 journals from 1999-current issue.

- A 20% discount on APCs for articles published in SAGE's Gold Open Access journals.

## **Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)**

The two year (2022-2023) agreement with RSC provides the following benefit. The package that UKZN subscribes to includes APC tokens for publication in OA journals with a 15% discount on APCs. We have signed up for the Read and Publish Scheme where authors can publish gold OA in any of their hybrid journals. It also gives UKZN perpetual access rights to content from the RSC online journal portfolio.

The benefit of choosing RSC include visibility, integrity, ease and affordability.

- Rigorous and fair peer review.
- In their first year, articles published OA typically receive more downloads, meaning increased reach, and a boost to citation potential when your research is at its most relevant.
- Article submission is a clear, simple process that shows you relevant payment and licensing options (including APCs with built-in industry standard CC-BY licences). You also keep the copyright as standard.
- Our APCs are among the lowest in our industry, and we also offer a range of waiver and discount options – including one that means you pay nothing at all to publish your work.

For additional information, you may contact the E-Resources Librarian at [eresources@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:eresources@ukzn.ac.za).

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