



Opportunities seized and missed

As you know, for Dutch researchers the number of opportunities for cost-free open access publishing in solid-quality journals is huge, with over 8,000 journals covered by national deals with leading publishers. Recently Cambridge University Press was added to the list, with almost 300 journals in all fields.

But do you know? It may appear that many UG and UMCG researchers do not. Not all of the opportunities offered by the VSNU deals are seized by authors, with an uptake of no more than 40% for Elsevier, and just over 20% for Wiley. This applies not just to Groningen, but to all Dutch universities. Why could that be? Perhaps the persistent communication efforts of VSNU, the universities and the university libraries often do not land. But more importantly, we know that corresponding authors are misled or deterred by the online manuscript submission workflows of some publishers –which still come up with high article processing costs (APC’s), when in fact there is a 100% ‘discount’ and the author pays nothing. We are working on this with the publishers, but in the meantime, in case of doubt use tools like the national [JOURNAL BROWSER](#) and do not hesitate to ask OPENACCESS@RUG.NL. Also the various local arrangements for APC discounts (Cogitatio, BMJ, BioMed Central, SpringerOpen), will help to achieve the 100% open access set as a target by the National Plan for Open Science.

In the series of interviews with local scholars, this time we spoke with two philosophers about their publication strategy and its constraints in general, and open access book publishing in particular. “Take back control over academic publishing” has come out as a motto.

Regarding ‘green’ open access –based on after-peer-review versions of articles– to the call ‘go green and upload your article to Pure’, in this newsletter we add the reader side of things. Many scholarly articles of which the ‘version of record’ is behind a paywall can with some effort be found cost-free on the Web, with tools like Kopernio, Unpaywall and Google Scholar Button –a fine illustration of the potential of green open access. Do see the helpful infographic composed by the Central Medical Library.

Finally, with regard to research data, we discuss the opening of the Academic Data Center Groningen, a cooperation between UG and the Central Statistical Office (CBS), and the tension between openness and confidentiality in the type of data it works with.

Enjoy reading this new open access newsletter!

National journal browser

The Dutch university libraries have joined forces in a national [JOURNAL BROWSER](#). The University of Groningen version of this browser provides information about the open access options for journals, whether they are part of a national or local agreement and what the APC discount is.

INTERVIEW



Titus Stahl



Daan Evers

Researchers, take back control over academic publishing!

The University of Groningen Library investigates plans to establish an open access publishing platform: the University of Groningen Press. This new platform could host journals but also publish monographs. We spoke to Daan Evers and Titus Stahl, two assistant professors at the Faculty of Philosophy, who are both thinking of publishing introductory textbooks with the University of Groningen Press. They spoke about the importance of books, the relevance of open access for an academic publication strategy, and the advantages and disadvantages of a local open access publisher.

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Finding full-text articles is easier than you think

With the growing number of open access publications and other freely accessible versions of articles on numerous websites, it is increasingly difficult for researchers to find the right full-text or PDF version. There are many tools that can help you. This [INFOGRAPHIC](#) shows you how.

Don't miss out on discounts for open access publishing

Although many researchers have heard about the open access deals with publishers, many authors from the University of Groningen (UG) and the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) have missed out on the opportunity to publish open access this year. These publisher deals make it possible to publish as open access in many journals, without a charge for the author.

UG and UMCG authors who have missed out on open access were not aware that the journal to which they were submitting was part of a deal. For many it went wrong in the submitting process, when an author has to actively select 'open access'. Many UG and UMCG authors did not opt for open access here, because they thought they would have to pay the article processing charges (APCs). [READ MORE](#)

100% open access agreement with Cambridge University Press

The universities in the Netherlands have concluded a three-year agreement with Cambridge University Press (CUP) guaranteeing 100% open access to academic journals. Since 1 June 2017, researchers at Dutch universities have been able to publish open access in 261 CUP hybrid journals and 20 CUP full open access journals, without any additional costs for them. More information can be found on the [CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS WEBSITE](#).



Academic Data Center Groningen: Any chance for open data?

On 11 July 2017, the University of Groningen signed an agreement with Statistics Netherlands (CBS) marking the launch of the Academic Data Center Groningen. The aim of the agreement is to maximize the use of CBS data in research in the social sciences and economics, with the Center generating new research data and publications. However, the launch of the Center has raised some questions about how open and fair the new research data will be.

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'Open up to open access' campaign

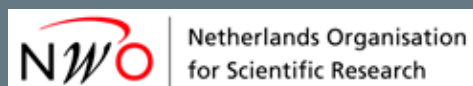
To draw attention to open access, a VSNU (Association of Universities in the Netherlands) campaign started earlier this year. The campaign 'Open up to open access' aims to encourage academics to publish their articles open access. The University of Groningen (UG) considers open access to be extremely important and is therefore participating in this initiative.

Posters and slides featuring UG researchers and their quotes were used in the campaign and a national [JOURNAL BROWSER](#) was launched. The campaign will continue during the international Open Access Week, which will take place from 23 to 29 October 2017.

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NWO Incentive Fund for Open Access ends 1 January 2018

On 1 January 2018, NWO will terminate its Incentive Fund for Open Access Publications and Conferences. This is because the opportunities for authors to make publications open access without paying extra have increased. NWO continues to strongly advocate open access and open science. It works closely with many parties to achieve the objectives set out in the National Plan Open Science. A common goal is to make it possible for all researchers in the Netherlands to publish open access by 2020. More information on the [NWO WEBSITE](#).



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