



## Editorial: Setting the default to open

“Make openness the default for research — to raise the visibility of scholarship, accelerate research, and turn breakthroughs into better lives” was one of the mottos of this year’s International Open Access Week. Looking back to its first edition in 2008, and this newsletter’s first issue in October 2011, it is striking how widely open access has been accepted as the road to take in scholarly communication. As shown by the newly released VSNU figures, 50% of Dutch publications are now open access (2017). This means that the Netherlands is halfway to its goal of achieving 100% open access by 2020. What appears also striking is that by now open access has become part of the wider endeavour of open science, the shift to openness and transparency in all stages of the research process – spanning themes as diverse as FAIR and open data, open source, public engagement and citizen science, and responsible metrics in research evaluation. In this issue, this is eloquently argued by computational linguist Martijn Wieling, vice-chairman of KNAW’s De Jonge Akademie, with whom we discussed how universities can support open science.

But we also cover new developments regarding open access as such. From 2020 onwards, publication in ‘pure gold’ open access journals will be required by a group of European research funders (including NWO), who launched ‘Plan S’ a few weeks ago. Green open access will get a boost with the national pilot to take advantage of the recent ‘Taverne amendment’ to Dutch copyright law. And finally, the University of Groningen Press joined the growing number of new university presses in the Association of European University Presses.

On the theme of visibility and metrics, this issue highlights the inclusion of ORCID-IDs on every researcher’s profile page.

Lastly, as a way to mark this year’s International Open Access Week, we had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Nicol Keith from the University of Glasgow who held two events on 30 and 31 October. The events have been a valuable opportunity for discussing societal impact, the importance of engaging with stakeholders beyond academia and how open research boosts visibility and facilitates collaboration. By bringing together research support staff and researchers at different stages of their careers and from different disciplines, the events resulted in thought-provoking conversations and proved to be an excellent networking opportunity for attendees.

## UG starts pilot to enforce open access by using copyright law

An amendment to the Dutch copyright law now allows researchers to make their articles available to the public following a ‘reasonable period’ after the work was first published. The Dutch universities are implementing this amendment in a national pilot project starting in October 2018. [READ MORE](#)

### INTERVIEW



## How can universities support open science?

**An interview with Martijn Wieling**

The Open Science movement advocates a cultural shift towards openness and transparency in all stages of the research process. It does so by promoting open access to scientific publications, by encouraging data and source sharing, by calling for the implementation of improved criteria in research evaluation, and by placing a strong emphasis on citizen science and public engagement. In this interview, Associate Professor of Computational Linguistics and Vice-chairman of the Dutch Young Academy, Martijn Wieling, discusses his take on open science, the role of higher education institutions, and why he thinks open access, open data and open source are the way forward in academic research.

“ To really make the transition to open science, I think it is essential that the universities invest in making this possible. Concretely, that would mean reducing the teaching or administrative workload in order to allow researchers more time to share research data and code adequately. ”

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## Event announcement

### Documentary screening “Paywall. The business of scholarship”

With an introduction  
by Dr. Marijke Leliveld  
(Faculty of Economics  
and Business).

**21 November** 4.30 p.m.,  
University of Groningen  
Library City Centre,  
Jantina Tammes Room.

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## ORCID now displayed on personal UG-profile page

The author's ID ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) is now visible on the profile pages of UG-staff. Do you already have an ORCID? Make sure to connect it to your personal profile in Pure; the ORCID-ID is then automatically displayed on your UG-profile. [READ MORE](#)



## European research funding bodies back plan for stricter open access requirements by 2020

In September, a group formed by 12 European research funding bodies (including the NWO), launched a new plan – Plan S – aimed at accelerating the transition to full open access by 2020. The initiative is supported by the European Commission and the European Research Council.

Plan S stipulates that from 1 January 2020, all scientific publications supported by the participating funding bodies must be published in open access journals – known as the ‘gold route’. The key objective is to encourage publishers to ‘flip’ their business model from subscription-based to gold open access. One of the key innovations introduced by Plan S is that publication in hybrid journals – i.e. subscription journals with an open access option – will no longer comply. Currently, publication in hybrid journals satisfies most funders’ open access requirements; in fact, it is encouraged in the Netherlands as a result of agreements known as ‘big deals’ that were made between the VSNU and major academic publishers. The funding bodies will allow this ‘hybrid model’ to continue for a transitional period until December 2021.

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## 50% of all peer-reviewed articles by Dutch universities are open access

As a wrap up to the International Open Access Week, the Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU) [RELEASED THE RESULTS](#) of the latest open access monitoring exercise. According to the figures, almost 23,000 peer-reviewed articles published in 2017 by Dutch-affiliated researchers are available open access – representing 50% of all Dutch publications (56,000 articles). The share of open access publications amounted to 42% in 2016.

The UG figures are perfectly in line with the national trend, with 51% of publications being open access in 2017 – of which 16% gold, 19% hybrid and 15% green open access.

The figures show that the Netherlands is now halfway to its goal of reaching 100% open access by 2020 which was set in the [NATIONAL OPEN SCIENCE PLAN](#) at the start of 2017.

## University of Groningen Press joins European consortium

The University of Groningen Press (UGP) has recently become a full member of the Association of European University Presses (AEUP). The AEUP aims to assist university presses across Europe to cooperate with each other and share knowledge. In the current turbulent times in publishing, it encourages the attainment of common goals and a collaborative approach to important issues. The UGP provides a publishing platform for journals, books and other publications by faculty and researchers working at or with the University of Groningen. The preferred publishing model is open access. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

## Open access deal reached with Wolters Kluwer

The Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU) has reached an agreement on green open access with Wolters Kluwer, the main publisher of legal and fiscal literature. Twenty-seven academic journals in Wolters Kluwer's portfolio will be subject to new and explicit open access embargo rules. [MORE INFO](#)

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