

Best practice in Open Access publishing

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Copernicus Publications
The Innovative Open Access Publisher











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OASPA Mission

- Leadership and Development
- Productive Collaboration
- Set standards
- Promoting Innovation
- Supporting the OA Market



Applications

- Fixed membership criteria applied universally
- Initial screening process followed by detailed review and decision by committee
- Criteria and application process reviewed on a regular basis
- Less than 10% of applications for membership accepted
- Publishers/journals that can demonstrate improvements are reconsidered



1) Fully OA publication requirements

- At least one fully open access journal or book
- CC BY or CC BY-NC for journals
- CC BY is the preferred license overall
- License to be fully described in guidelines
- Clearly shown on all published material



2) 'About the Publisher'

- Ownership
- Management
- Financial support
- Address & contact information for one named individual (at least)



3) Peer Review

- Independent external reviewing required
- Way in which reviewers are selected
- Clear policy statement describing process
- Owners/financial benefactors not to be involved in editorial decision making



4) Editorial Boards

- Large enough?
- Variety of institutions?
- Show departments/expertise/relevance
- Be clear on what the role of the editorial board is



5) Finances and Fees

- Be clear and transparent
- What fees are charged?
- If you don't charge any be clear on that too
- General statement on support from the institution is enough

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6) Other

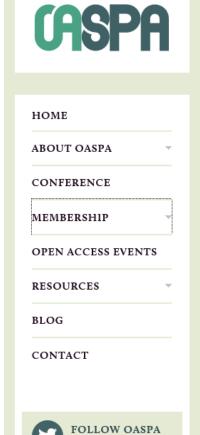
- Clear editorial policies (conflicts of interest, plagiarism etc.) - COPE
- Clear instruction for authors
- Copyright
- Archiving / Preservation
- Crossref / DOIs

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6a) Other

- Content quality check
- Advertisement policy
- Crossref / DOIs
- DOAJ listing for single journals





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Criteria checklist for new member applicants

Below is a checklist based on our <u>membership criteria</u> to help applicants make sure they meet our requirements. Please read all of these points before you go through to the application form. If you have any queries please contact <u>memberships@oaspa.org</u>.

Information is available about OASPA, our application review process and membership categories.

- 1. Do you have at least one open access book, or have at least one journal that regularly publishes original research or scholarship which is all open access?
- If you are a journal publisher, do you have at least one fully open access journal which is CC BY (or CC BY-NC)?
- 3. Can your publications be read without the requirement for registration of any kind?
- 4. Does your website have clear and detailed Instructions for authors, linked to from the homepage?
- 5. Do your author guidelines include details of your open access and copyright policies for this publication? Do you clearly state the specific license used and link to the terms of that license? Do you specify who holds copyright?
- 6. Do your publications (HTML and PDF) state the license on the article or book itself, with a link to the license terms, contain author contact information and date of publication (plus submission and acceptance for

Full criteria: oaspa.org/membership/membership-criteria/



Members and Beyond

- OASPA Members commit to a Code of Conduct
- Ongoing support from OASPA on developments in the industry and in complex areas, e.g. licensing
- Transparency and clarity from publishers will help users in the research community



Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing

- Collaboration with COPE, DOAJ, and WAME
- Common set of principles form the basis of the criteria by which suitability for membership is assessed





Choose the right journal for your research

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Assessing journal quality

- Cross-industry campaign
- Easy-to-use checklist
 - Help for researchers to identify trusted journals Global interest and usage
- Translated into over 30 languages



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PEER REVIEW PROCESS



Journal content must be clearly marked as whether peer reviewed or not. Peer review is defined as obtaining advice on individual manuscripts from reviewers expert in the field who are not part of the journal's editorial staff.

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- clearly describe this process, as well as any policies related to the journal's peer review procedures including the method of peer review used.

The journal's website should not:

- guarantee manuscript acceptance or very short peer review times.

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