



All the latest on open access negotiations with the major publishing houses

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NEWS

New agreement with Wiley: 100% open access

Koen Becking (Tilburg University), Gerard Meijer (Radboud University Nijmegen), Jaap Winter (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) and the directors of the Dutch university libraries are holding negotiations with publishers on subscription fees for academic journals. The universities are only prepared to renew current subscription agreements if the publishers take steps towards open access.

100% open access agreement with Wiley

The Dutch universities and publisher John Wiley and Sons, Inc. (Wiley) have reached an agreement which allows the unlimited open access publication of academic articles. At the same time, the agreement provides more comprehensive access to academic journals. 'The Netherlands is living up to its pioneering reputation now that a second major publisher has opted for 100% open access. It's a huge step forward', says Koen Becking, president of the Executive Board of Tilburg University, who has been negotiating on behalf of the Dutch universities.

The negotiations between Wiley and the Dutch universities have led to an agreement for the period 2016–2019. The agreement means that academics and students associated with Dutch universities will have access to all articles published in Wiley's academic journals, and it allows for open access publication in all of Wiley's approximately 1,400 hybrid journals. For further information about the agreement with Wiley, click [here](#).

E-zine explains Dutch open access success story

Which successful ingredients allowed the Netherlands to lead the way in open access in Europe? Why did the Netherlands go for gold? Which cocktail created the open access 'big deals'? In its recently published [E-zine](#), the VSNU reveals its success strategy for open access and provides insights into the 'Dutch approach'.

The Dutch universities are working together to make scientific articles freely accessible to everyone. Big steps have been taken towards 100% open access, which has been recognized and applauded in the international academic community. In this publication, fifteen milestones are highlighted, as well as the definition of open access, the role of publishers, the process of negotiations with publishers, and the critical factors for success in the unique Dutch approach.

Open access in the media

Open access is a priority during the Dutch presidency of the EU. Following the meeting of the EU education ministers at the end of January, various university papers published an [interview](#) with State Secretary Dekker about the pioneering role played by the Netherlands. The following video, in which State Secretary Dekker and Gerard Meijer explain the importance of open access, was also distributed recently.



Scientist Rolf Hut (TU Delft) and Eric Smit from Follow the Money criticised the current academic publication system on 'Nieuws en Co' on Radio 1. Rolf Hut suggested setting up a 'Government Gazette' for academic publications.

Quote

"Now we have the opportunity to change the way knowledge is being created. Investing in this exemplary road in the Dutch research agenda could initiate a second Open Science revolution in the Netherlands."

Prof.dr. Dymph van den Boom, rector of University of Amsterdam, in her speech commemorating the 384th anniversary of the university's establishment.

International developments

Last week, the European University Association published its [open access roadmap](#). This roadmap provides universities with guidelines on how to increase their volume of open access publications. The plan includes objectives and priorities for the European universities which will be elaborated further in the months ahead. 'By joining forces, the European universities will undoubtedly set the tone for the development of a more open system for generating new knowledge through research', says Professor Jean-Pierre Finance, member of the EUA Council and chairman of the Expert Group.

Scientists, speak out!

The issue of open access is currently being debated by universities, publishers, on Twitter, in various discussion forums and at symposiums. We would like to invite the academic community, in particular, to make its voice heard. [Prof. Levi](#), [prof. Meijer](#) and [prof. Valkenburg](#) have already done so.

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OPEN ACCESS CALENDAR

Recap and events

Informal meeting between the ministers of Education and Science

At the end of last month an informal meeting took place, presided over by State Secretary Dekker, between the EU ministers of Education and Science. During its presidency of the EU, the Netherlands has put open access high on the agenda. European Commissioner Moedas praised the Dutch agenda. 'It is clear that we need to invest more in research, but we also need to eliminate regulatory barriers which stand in the way of innovation', says Moedas. At the meeting, the European research universities (LERU) presented the European ministers and Moedas with 10,000 signatures, thus supporting their plea for them to forge ahead with open access.

Events of interest:

7–8 March 2016: [Sparc: Meeting on Openness in Research and Education](#) – San Antonio, TX

4–5 April 2016: [Open Science Conference](#) – Amsterdam, the Netherlands

16–17 May 2016: [18th International Conference on Open Access](#) – Montreal, Canada

17 May 2016: [Green Light for Open Access](#) – Amsterdam, the Netherlands

19–20 May: [Open access at the tipping point](#) – Denton, TX

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