



BTH Newsletter on Science Publishing and Information about Research Funding

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No license deal invites black OA

The Association of Universities in the Netherlands as well as their German and Swedish counterparts are dedicated to facilitate the transition to open access. This standpoint has complicated negotiations with major publishers like Elsevier, Oxford University Press, Springer etc. and sometime resulted in a state where researchers can't access certain publisher articles. This has increased the use of illegal text sharing, so called Black Open Access resources. The main one being Sci-Hub, containing some 62 million academic papers. 80% of the downloaded papers comes from the 9 major science publishers in the world. Sci-Hub is widely used not only by researchers from developing countries, but also by western scholars frustrated with the mandates and restrictions that governs access to their working material. Sci-Hub offers easy and free access and therefore attracts many users, even those researchers sitting inside paywalls. But researchers don't necessarily need to go illegal to find what they are looking for. Check out Unpaywall, Open Access Button and DOAJ – three great Open Access resources!

3 great resources for finding OA research articles

Unpaywall

Unpaywall is a plug-in you install in your browser. It is run by a nonprofit organization, Impactstory, supported by grants from the National Science Foundation and others. They claim to find full texts for 50-85% of articles and use only legally uploaded articles.

<http://unpaywall.org/>



DOAJ

This is a curated online directory that indexes and provides access to high quality open access, peer reviewed journals. It is funded via donations and members. BTH library is one of them. You can also search for articles.

<https://doaj.org/>

Open Access Button

This resource will search thousands of sources for legal full text articles. If it can't get access it will start a request for the article from the authors guiding them how to make their material freely available.

Open Access Button was launched in 2013 by two students that got tired of hitting paywalls. Together with volunteer developers they created a resource that will check if an article is legally available. Major OA sources like oaDOI, Share, CORE, OpenAIRE, Europe PMC and BASE are used. Articles are put in the Zenodo and the Open Science Framework repository for safe keeping.

<https://openaccessbutton.org/>



RESEARCHconnect

The service is an online-database that BTH subscribes to with funding opportunities from all over the world, that is continually updated with current funding opportunities in all fields of interest. In this database you can search for funding announcements in various research fields or for different funding bodies.

BTH Grants Office is responsible for the subscription and will assist you if you need help getting started.

You find the database at: <https://www.researchconnect.eu/>

Please contact Tobias Ericson or Eva-Lisa Ahnström.

About the Newsletter

This newsletter covers information about scientific publishing with focus on Open access and BTH issues.

It will also give some information about research funding, not on specific calls but regarding more general issues in connection to funding of research projects.

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