

Editorial



This continues to be an exhilarating year for *Insights*, with the move to continuous publication. In our previous Editorial we highlighted some of the fascinating articles that we had been able to bring you in the first few months of the year, so it is gratifying to be able to remind you of some of the articles that we have published in the last few months.

UKSG friends and colleagues will have been saddened earlier in the year to learn of the death of Margaret Morgan, a long-time supporter of UKSG, so we are proud to be able to publish Bev Acreman's touching **tribute** reflecting on Margaret's life and contribution to our community.

Through the last few weeks we have been able to bring you a broad international view on the transition to open access (OA). Anna Lundén and her colleagues have taken a look at the challenges and opportunities offered during the process of national licensing negotiations in Sweden, while Liam Earney has taken the UK perspective, looking at how national licensing negotiations in Britain have been advancing the transition to OA. Matthijs van Otegem and colleagues presented their five principles for navigating the road to OA, while Gareth J Johnson explored the barriers to OA adoption in the UK Academy. Jyrki Ilva explains the infrastructure and funding challenges facing Finnish journals as they seek to transition to OA.

In the coming months we will be looking forward to bringing you even more perspectives on the OA environment, including a very interesting article by Rita Pinhasi and her colleagues which tackles the sometimes challenging issue of OA workflows.

Though there is much still to be said on the topic, it is not all about open access. Community and collaboration have been key themes emerging from the articles we have brought you recently. **Charlie Rapple's** article presented an overview of the FairShare Network and the development of shareable PDFs. **Holly Jeffcoat and Gregory Colati** gave us a enlightening



article looking at the challenges involved in scholarly communications design at the UConn Library.

Enabling communication across the information community is at the heart of what UKSG (and *Insights*) does, and community remains an important theme in the articles we have been bringing you this year. Heather Staines and Maryann E Martone took a look at the importance of community feedback on scholarly content, while Cameron Neylon gave us his personal view of FORCE11, a community network of scholars, librarians and publishers which aims to bring about a change in modern scholarly communications through the effective use of information technology. Alongside these articles, Torsten Reimer argued for the role of national libraries, such as the British Library, in supporting the research community.

Vicki McGarvey combined the themes of community and openness in her recent article looking at collaborative approaches to supporting Open Source library management systems, taking the implementation of Koha at Staffordshire University as her example. Jeff James and his colleagues from the UK's National Archives gave us an insight into their Archives Unlocked initiative which aims to make documents from their national repository more discoverable.

Openness will be a developing theme that *Insights* will be exploring over the next few months, and we are looking forward to publishing Vivien Rolfe and Beck Pitt's paper on the UK Open Texbook project. Also coming along soon will be an article from Sarah Glasser, exploring the opportunities in the emerging digital preservation landscape (Portico). Jill **Emery** presents the findings of her research Taylor & Francis for green deposit of articles.

This year we have continued to spotlight some of the many new and innovative tools and services on offer to the community in our Start-up story commentaries. Recently we published Martin Eve and Andy Byers' feature on Janeway and also Jo Wilkinson and Penelope Down's feature on Publons, and we already have plans to bring you a Start-up story taking a look at Dimensions, written for us by Catherine Williams.

We also brought you an interview with University College London's **Paul Ayris**, exploring their reasons for launching a new megajournal.

So, keep reading as the year progresses!

Insights is fortunate in continuing to attract a really strong stream of scholarly articles, and for this we, as Co-Editors, are extremely grateful to all our authors – but we always need more! You'll see from the brief overview presented in this Editorial that we publish across a wide range of topics and themes, so think about projects that you are involved in: would others benefit from hearing about your experiences, challenges and discoveries? Continuous publication gives us the freedom to be more timely in our publishing and to have greater control over when articles are published (allowing us to time publication closer to key events or announcements). So, start writing and get yourself published in *Insights*! You will find submission information here: https://insights.uksg.org/about/submissions/.

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