



# Full Conference

ESMT Berlin, Schlossplatz 1, 10178 Berlin, Germany

## Day 1, Tuesday, 9 January 2024

Day Moderation: Dr. Jasmin Lange, CPO, Brill

09:00-10:00

### Doors Open

Welcome Coffee

10:00-10:30

### A Short Welcome

Marta Dossi, CEO, Berlin Institute for Scholarly Publishing (BISP)

### Greetings & Opening

Likki-Lee Pitzen, First Secretary, Cultural Affairs and Press, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Bangkok

10:30-12:00

### Panel: Can scholarly publishers change the world? The role of the SDGs within the publishing industry

Driving SDG action and engagement in the publishing sector involves two key priorities. Firstly, the focus is on showcasing the commercial benefits of SDG alignment to industry leaders, shifting the narrative beyond just "the right thing to do." Secondly, there is an active promotion of engagement with the STM DG roadmap resource to provide a clear path for stakeholders. Additionally, the commitment lies in galvanizing the sector by fostering stronger connections with the SDG Publishers Compact Fellows, leveraging their expertise to accelerate progress.

Chair: **Stephanie Dawson**, CEO, ScienceOpen

Speakers:

**Agata Morka**, PhD, Regional Director, Publishing Development, PLOS

**Ritu Dhand**, Chief Scientific Officer, Springer Nature

**Nikesh Gosalia**, President Global Academic and Publisher Relations, Cactus

**Charlie Rapple**, Chief Customer Officer and Co-founder, Kudos



12:00–13:00

## **Lunch Time & Networking**

13:00–14:00

### **Session: The five principles of Lean Change: A modern approach to delivering sustainable business change in publishing**

This session will explain what Lean Change is and how it can benefit publishing companies going through complex change. In a world where change is the new norm, the focus is on keeping change plans light as we learn our way forward, collaborating with your people to get to better answers for your organisation, and in doing so, build a lasting internal change capability.

**Charlotte Talmage**, Change management and communications specialist, Uuna

**Julian Sharples**, Change, communications and diagnostics specialist, Uuna

**David Roche**, Leadership coach

14:00–14:30

### **Keynote: Building a more open and inclusive publishing system: What can we learn from tech companies?**

**Harsh Jegadeesan**, CPO, Springer Nature

In this keynote, Harsh Jegadeesan will offer insights from his 'outsider' perspective, rooted in his background in the technology sector, on what is needed to build a more open, inclusive publishing system.

14:30–15:00

## **Coffee Break & Networking**

15:00–15:45

### **Panel: The Trusted Corpus and AI**

Peer-reviewed scientific publications represent the bedrock of what can be described as “state of the art” for trusted information. Large Language Models and other forms of Artificial Intelligence will tend to work better when the corpus on which they build can be “trusted” – which leads one to ask: how are scientific publishers thinking about the use of AI in their products and workflows? In this session, the panel will focus on:

- What’s important in the external (regulatory) policy landscape that publishers need to be aware of?
- How is AI currently being integrated into products and workflows?



- What should we be worried about?
- Science and AI in five years – what is your prediction? What is your hope?

Chair: **Rachel Burley**, CEO, American Physical Society

Speakers:

Dr. **George Tsatsaronis**, Vice President Data Science, Research Content Operations, Elsevier

Dr. **Thomas Lemberger**, Deputy Head of Scientific Publications, EMBO

15:45–17:15

## **Panel: Good Science and AI**

*Organized together with the Elkana Forum*

It's not just about what AI does to science—it's about what science becomes with AI. This panel will examine the essence of “quality” in scientific endeavors, especially when AI's algorithmic lens refracts and potentially distorts the trajectory of humanistic values and methodological rigor that underpin scientific progress. A special focus will be how AI will transform knowledge dissemination, contemplating whether it serves as a beacon of a new enlightenment or an eclipse of the human element in research narratives. With a view towards scientific publishing, this panel highlights the need for a historico-critical perspective on AI's role in science making and sharing. Can AI honor the legacy of scientific rigor, or will it inscribe a new episteme that redefines what we accept as knowledge?

Chair: Prof. **Manuel Hartung**

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. **Jeanette Hofmann**

Prof. **Gerd Gigerenzer**

Dr. **Ohad Parnes**

17:15 – 17:45

## **The APE Award**

The [APE Award for Innovation in Scholarly Communication](#) was born to celebrate the 18th birthday of the APE Conference in 2023, and it is going to accompany the conference for the years to come. This award, supported by [Digital Science](#), will be given to an individual who has brought innovation in scholarly communication to the community, through infrastructure, technology, business models, and output on the topic, theory, or practice. Nominees can be part of organizations, or they can be independent.



19:00

## Conference Dinner

[Gendarmerie](#)

Behrenstraße 42, Berlin Mitte

Due to limited seating only for invited guests and ticket holders.

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## Day 2 Wednesday, 10 January 2024

Day Moderation: **Dr. Jasmin Lange, CPO, Brill**

08:30–09:00

### Doors Open

Welcome Coffee

09:00–09:45

### Wake-up Session: “My Back Pages”: An Interview with Richard Charkin

Interviewed by **Martin Wilson**, Head of Content, Researcher Services, Taylor & Francis

10:00–11:00

### Session: Transformation beyond Transformative Agreements?

Even as Transformative Agreements have proliferated in recent years, concerns have been expressed around their exclusionary nature, which runs counter to the tenets of the open access movement. These agreements, which are built primarily on shifting the burden of cost to authors (applying author processing charges, APCs, as a primary unit), have been critiqued for their lack of suitability to viably support the diversity of research outputs across disciplines, as well as their potential to marginalize research communities in underprivileged and low-resourced settings worldwide.

Moderated by Niamh O’Connor from PLOS, this session will highlight three open access initiatives that have aimed to address these concerns through collective models that are centered on equity. At the occasion of its 10th anniversary, Kamran Naim will describe how the Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics (SCOAP3) pioneered collective action in open access at the global level—effectively transitioning and sustaining open access for the discipline for a decade, with no barriers to authors or readers. Richard Gallagher, from the non-profit publisher, Annual Reviews, will highlight its experience in developing and implementing the Subscribe to



Open model, and Ben Ashcroft of DeGruyter will share the rationale behind why this conditional model, premised on collective action, was deemed the most suitable to advance its open access goals.

Chair: Dr **Niamh O'Connor**, PhD, Chief Publishing Officer, PLOS

Speakers:

**Kamran Naim**, PhD, Head of Open Science, CERN

**Richard Gallagher**, PhD, President and Editor-in-Chief, Annual Reviews

**Ben Ashcroft**, Vice President Commercial, De Gruyter

11:00-11:30

## Coffee Break & Networking

11:30-12:30

## Panel: The Research Integrity Debate: Should science slow down or speed up?

In the face of escalating research integrity concerns, the scholarly community grapples with the scale and scope of this crisis. This panel will explore how to address integrity concerns pre-publication and post-publication, ensuring that ongoing trust in science does not waver.

Research integrity issues are driven from a broad range of activities, from fraud and misconduct, to errors made in the rush to publish or perish. Simultaneously, publishers navigate the need for sustainable revenue models amidst the pursuit of rapid growth. As we strive for speed, scale, and growth, how do we ensure we don't lose sight of validity, accuracy, and quality?

This panel will discuss strategies for identifying integrity issues pre-publication, as well as measures to ensure that post-publication problems are discoverable and properly communicated. In a complex, multi-stakeholder challenge, the panel will explore how to balance efficiency and integrity, while developing the touchpoints and collaborations necessary to create an integrated, modern approach to protect research and prevent everything from errors to fraud.

Chair:

**Sven Fund**, Managing Director, Reviewer Credits

Speakers:

**Kim Eggleton**, Head of Peer Review & Research Integrity, IOP Publishing

**Hylke Koers**, Chief Information Officer, STM Solutions

**Julian Moore**, Managing Director Technology Corporate Finance, Lincoln International

**Othman Altalib**, Chief Growth Officer, Morressier

12:30-13:30

## Lunch Time & Networking



13:30-14:30

## **STM's New Dotcoms to Watch**

A Session sponsored by the STM Association, Oxford/The Hague  
Presented by **Martijn Roelandse**, PhD, STM, Park 56

14:30-15:00

## **Coffee Break & Networking**

15:00-16:00

## **Panel: Rewarding for Reviewing? Changing paradigms in research integrity**

Peer review is core to scientific evaluation. Despite recent advancements in tools enabling peer identification, fraud prevention, and network collaboration, the human factor is still the most important. Peer reviewing is often claimed by scientists as an element from which publishers enrich themselves free of charge.

In this panel we want to examine the topic from different perspectives: by looking at the results of a survey, we gain an overview of the demands on the peer review system, while a scientist previously introduced us to the demands of researchers. Finally, a fully OA publisher will offer insights on its approach to researchers who face demanding careers but who wish to collaborate more deeply with their peer group. And it will shine a light on its efforts to support larger communities in the broader move to open science.

Chair:

**Kathryn Sharples**, Wiley, Group VP, Publishing Strategy & Policy

Speakers:

**Gianluca Carnabuci**, Director of Research, Professor of Organizational Behavior, ESMT Berlin

**Sven Fund**, Managing Director, Reviewer Credits

Dr. **Anke Beck**, Head of External Affairs, Europe, Frontiers

16:00-16:30

## **Keynote: Academic Freedom in Times of Online Publishing**

Prof. Dr. **Antonio Loprieno**, President, All European Academies (ALLEA)

Introduced by Dr. **Anke Beck**, Head of External Affairs, Europe, Frontiers