

## UNIFI demands immediate Open Access and supports FinELib's negotiation goals.

In May 2018, the Universities Finland UNIFI published its Open Science and Data Action Programme. Its main objective is to make Open Science part of the daily life of science at all levels. In order to do this, a national policy on Open Access publishing will be formed. A key element of the policy is setting up a plan for negotiations with scholarly publishers in order to achieve Open Access to all publicly funded research. As a member of the European Union, Finland is committed to reaching this goal by the end of 2020.

In Europe and globally, a growing number of different actors are striving to move towards Open Access. Most recently, European research funders' Plan S has shown their strong commitment in Open Access and willingness to take concrete action to make it happen. Many countries have set up national Open Access policies and are negotiating with scholarly publishers in order to reach transformative agreements to implement immediate Open Access.

The FinELib consortium negotiates license agreements on behalf of the Finnish universities. UNIFI, with representation from all Finnish universities, gives its full support to the following FinELib negotiation principles:

- Articles with corresponding authors from Finland must be openly available at the time of publishing.
- Transition to Open Access should not increase the total costs of licensing and publishing.
- License agreements, costs, and business models must be transparent.
- Re-use of Open Access articles must be defined using the most permissive Creative Commons licenses. Terms of use for subscribed content must be appropriate and easy to understand.
- Perpetual access to content published in subscription journals must be granted.
- Agreements must demonstrate active progress towards publishing models where the costs are related to the volume of Finnish institutions' article publishing output.

UNIFI considers the continuation of the current subscription agreements to scholarly journals as unsustainable, and is therefore committed to achieve the goal of making publicly funded research openly available through a constructive dialogue with the publishers. The university rectors will participate actively in formulating and executing the negotiation strategy. UNIFI will not recommend the renewal of agreements that fail to meet the aforementioned principles.

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