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Karger Publishers Continues to Work Successfully Towards Open Access

Karger Publishers has flipped five journals to Open Access and concluded transformative agreements in the Czech Republic, Germany, and Switzerland. In addition, a waiver policy for publication in Open Access journals was introduced.

Karger Publishers continues to work actively toward a transition to Open Access (OA), including plans to “flip”, or convert, more journals from the subscription model to OA. By January 2020, five Karger journals have already become OA: **Lifestyle Genomics**, **Gastrointestinal Tumors**, **Liver Cancer**, **Inflammatory Intestinal Diseases**, and **Kidney Diseases**, increasing the number of Karger Publisher’s OA publications to 30 out of more than 100 journals.

Recently, Karger Publishers has also reached several transformative OA agreements:

- In the Czech Republic, Karger Publishers secured its first Eastern European publish-and-access deal with two members of the Czech library consortium ELib: Masarykova Univerzita (Masaryk University) and Univerzita Karlova (Charles University). This includes both access to all Karger e-journals and the option for all researchers affiliated with the two institutes to publish OA in Karger journals at no additional cost.
- Another agreement with a German consortium also enables affiliated authors to access all Karger e-journals and publish OA in Karger subscription journals at no additional cost. 15 German universities have already taken up the publish-and-access offer.
- Karger Publishers provides a similar model to the Consortium of Swiss Academic Libraries (CSAL). Four Swiss universities have joined the publish-and-access deal so far.

Karger is open to reaching further innovative deals with consortia partners that increase the share of OA content worldwide.

In addition to flipping a growing number of journals to OA and concluding OA agreements, Karger Publishers has introduced a discount and waiver policy for OA journals based on country income. The offer allows authors from low- to middle-income countries to publish free of charge or with a discount on Article Processing Charges (APCs). This follows the launch in 2019 of a progressive policy regarding preprint publication. Furthermore, Karger Publishers has established new workflow measures and steps to ensure that authors can easily find information and take advantage of their institutions' agreements, which give them the opportunity to publish OA articles at no extra cost. This makes publishing OA easy for authors and the libraries who support them.

For the coming year, Karger Publishers is already actively working to advance the transition to OA further by flipping several journals in 2021 and more in the following years, and by evaluating additional "open" policies and services.

"Embracing OA is one of the ways in which Karger supports and promotes the early and effective communication of scientific knowledge. With our OA activities, we strive to respect the needs and wishes of research institutions, libraries, authors, funders, and other stakeholders, as they are at the center of everything we do," says Daniel Ebnetter, CEO at Karger Publishers.

About Karger Publishers

Karger Publishers is a worldwide publisher of scientific and medical content based in Basel, Switzerland. It is independent and family-led in the fourth generation by Chairwoman and Publisher Gabriella Karger. Connecting and advancing health sciences since 1890, Karger has been continuously evolving, keeping pace with the current developments and shifts in research and publishing. The publishing house is dedicated to serving the information needs of the scientific community, clinicians, and patients with publications of high-quality content and services in health sciences. Karger Publishers has 240 employees and is present in 15 countries around the globe.

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