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Overview of weak spots of scholarly publishing metadata: Read-and-Publish agreements

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Read-and-Publish agreements

Read-and-Publish (R&P) agreement: the publisher receives payment for reading and payment for publishing bundled into a single contract.

(Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe)

- **Read:** author's institution has access to the publisher's subscription content.
- **Publish**: the Article Processing Charges (APC's) for Open Access are defined in the contract between the publisher and a library consortium that includes author's institution.
- Institution's expenditures on subscriptions (Read) are redirected to paying APC's (Publish).
- APC's are paid by the consortium, rather than by an individual author.

Authors: eligibility and identifiers

- Eligible authors: only corresponding or any?
 - Metadata/markup: two ways of indicating "corresponding" in JATS
- How to indicate author's R&P benefit eligibility?
 - **❖** Metadata/markup: no best practice, no recommendation
- Identifiers
 - ORCID
 - name + email

Authors: eligibility and contribution type

- <u>Contributor's role</u> in producing the scholarly output (investigation, writing, project administration, data curation, visualization, etc.)
 - Metadata/markup: CRediT taxonomy, JATS4R recommendation
- Contribution level
 - contributed equally
 - shared contribution
 - joint contribution
 - joint first authors
 - co-first authors
 - co-last authors
 - * Metadata/markup: no taxonomy, no recommendation

Affiliations: timing, identifiers, primary affiliation

- Timing
 - Affiliation at the time research was done
 - Current affiliation
- Identifiers
 - ROR, GRID, Ringgold, Crossref Funder ID/DOI, ISNI
 - Granularity (ID at the level of R&P-participating institution)
- Primary affiliation
 - How to indicate primary affiliation for a R&P-eligible author?
- Metadata/markup: no recommendations

Article types. Licensing. Funding

- R&P-ineligible article types?
 - Editorial, Correction, Comment, Reply, Retraction, ...
- Licensing
 - CC BY (what type? CC BY-SA, CC BU-NC, CC BY-NC-SA, CC BY-ND, CC BY-NC-ND)
- Funding
 - Library consortium (must or may)

Metadata retention and preservation

- Production metadata versus long-term preservation metadata
- Is R&P metadata worth preserving or should it be removed upon publication?
- Retain for auditing (librarians, funders, publisher's internal)
- Retain for business intelligence (analyses for renewing current R&P deals and negotiating future ones)
- Share with Crossref? (But community best practices are still emerging)
- Retain in the publisher's version/Crossref databases but not transmit to Portico/LOCKSS/CLOCKSS for long-term preservation?

Conclusions

- Diversity of R&P business models
- > Differences in what metadata is considered significant
- > Lack of recommended markup practices
- > Absence of metadata retention guidelines
- Challenges in:
 - findability
 - accessibility
 - interoperability
 - reusability
 - building community-wide metadata validation tools