

Diamond Open Access journals: A french perspective

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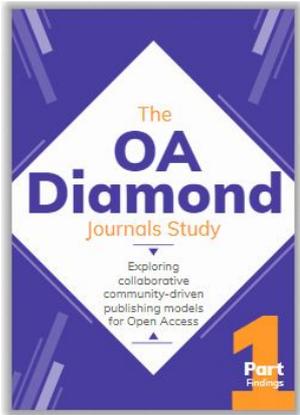
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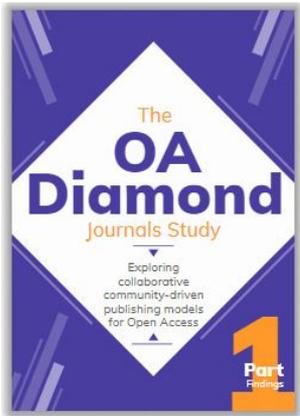
INTRODUCTION

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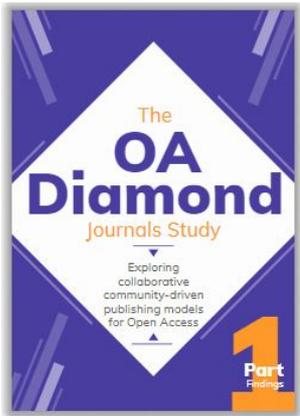
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Discussion paper published (in French)
on the *Diamond papers* blog

the diamond papers

A collection of discussion papers
exploring community-driven
pathways to equitable open
scholarly publishing

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About

BOOKMARKS

Le modèle d'accès ouvert Diamant : Politiques et stratégies des acteurs français

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Résumé : Ce document présente une cartographie des acteurs de la publication de revues en accès ouvert Diamant en France ainsi que leur stratégie en lien avec des initiatives internationales en cours. Il permet

20 years of history

Back to the origins....a grassroots movement



Marie Farge (Researcher in mathematics) in the context of Cost of Knowledge

*“one must explain to politicians that researchers want to develop a ‘third way’ less expensive than the others where **an electronic journal would be owned by the editorial board which is a collegium of researchers.** The board membership should rotate regularly and achieve peer-review freely (as they do currently). They would be **helped by public service providers** such as Revues.org and INIST who should disseminate online the articles. [...] I proposed to call this way “Diamond OA” as outbidding “Gold OA” used by publishers.”*

1996 : creation of Cybergeo, first OA only digital journals in geography created by researchers.

1999 : creation of Revues.org, first OA journals platform created by early career researchers in diverse disciplines of social sciences and the humanities



Actors

Four key stakeholders

- Research communities

Some pioneers, some waking up,
some still in doubt

- Infrastructures and platforms

A central and catalytic role

- Publishers

Diamond model mainly supported by public-based publishers but some private publishers are joining, despite lobbying against 'state-controlled publishing' (*sic*)

- Libraries

Funding of course, but not only: institutional publishing on the rise



Funding and sustainability

The crucial role of infrastructures

- CNRS and university presses : permanent personnel assigned to perform editorial tasks in journals in general (including but not limited to diamond)
- Infrastructures
 - **Métopes** (SSH) : single source publishing production chain. Used by at least 90 editorial teams
 - **OpenEdition** (SSH) : host and disseminate around 400 Diamond journals
 - **Réseau Repères** (Multidisciplinary) : federation of 16 local platforms. Host and disseminate around 180 journals
 - **Centre Mersenne** (Mathematics) : hosts and disseminate 23 journals
 - **Episciences** (Multidisciplinary) : innovative overlay journals platform. All diamond
 - **PCI** (Life Science) : another innovative platform providing peer review service on top of preprint repositories

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le réseau des pépinières
de revues scientifiques
en accès ouvert



EPIscience
overlay journals



- Community funding by university libraries

- **Freemium:** pioneer model launched in 2011 by OpenEdition, 175 French subscribing libraries
- **Subscribe to Open:** first deal in 2022 for 6 maths journals hosted on the EDP Sciences platform + experimentation underway for 10 HSS journals hosted on the Cairn platform
- **Membership:** PCI, SciPost, Erudit...



- Central funding by the French National Open Science Fund
 - Three calls (2020, 2021, 2022-23) aimed at Infras, platforms, publishing venues
 - 2020 & 2021: 49 funded projects, 5 M €
 - 2023 call: additional funds from ANR especially for Diamond journals.
 - Direct funding of SCOSS selected infrastructures: PKP and Amelica Redalyc for Diamond journals.



France in the European and global context

The role of OpenEdition for infrastructures



- **Provide coordination to OPERAS** : a European infrastructure dedicated to open scholarly communication in SSH
- In 2021, **OPERAS coordinated the Open Access Diamond Journal Study** with 9 other organisations
- In 2022, OPERAS participates in the coalition of 4 organisations that launched the **Diamond Action Plan**
- 2023 : **DIAMAS and Craft-OA projects** : OpenEdition provide coordination to Diamas through Aix-Marseille University and WP leader in Craft-OA.

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Participation in a global conversation: from Paris to Toluca

- **2022 : Open Science European Conference in Paris (OSEC) organised by the French Ministry of Research**
- A session dedicated to Diamond : presentation of the OADJS, the Action Plan.
- Paris Call for the reform of research assessment.
- Will lead to the creation of the **COARA coalition**

2022 : Ministry of Research, ANR and many french stakeholders present at the **first Diamond Action Plan conference in Zadar**

2023 : next step : **Global Diamond Summit in Toluca**



CONCLUSIONS

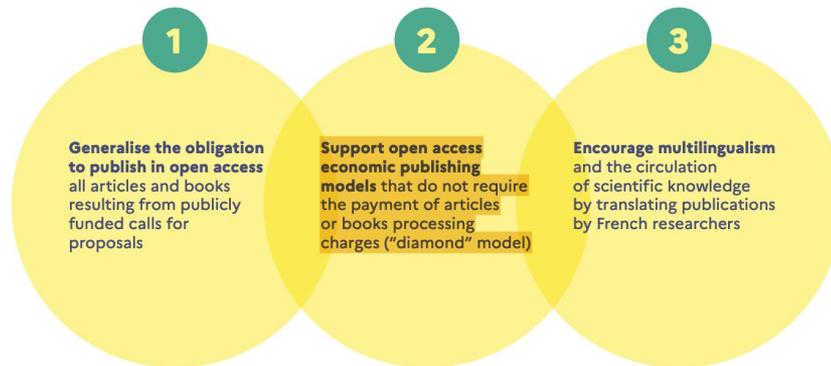
National coordination thanks to the French Plan for Open Science

Second French Plan for Open Science



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OADJS-Findings (3).p



Continue developing the HAL national open archive

- Simplify the process of making submissions to HAL for researchers publishing on other open access platforms across the world (CorHAL project).
- Implement HAL's **shared governance** and long-term financing model as voted by the Open Science Steering Committee.
- Develop the **integrated service** for self-archiving, automatic collection of publications and coordination with research data (winning project of the call for expressions of interest in Structuring Equipment for Research in the framework of the Investments for the Future Programme – Programme d'investissements d'avenir – PIA).

Building bibliodiversity

- Reaffirm the French commitment to **cOAlition S**, support the **rights retention strategy** to provide immediate open access to

scientific publications and make it easier for researchers to do so. Invite universities and research performing organizations to adopt this strategy when negotiating with the publishers.

- Support the **diversification of economic models** enabling a transition from subscription towards open access with no publishing fees, notably the "subscribe to open" model.
- If **publication fees** still apply, they should be exclusively for publications with complete open access, and **refused for hybrid journals**.
- Create **Open Science Badges** to qualify the evaluation methods of open access publications, to enhance their enrichment by associated data and codes, and to display their user licences.
- Develop and support publishing innovations: preprints, open peer review, executable papers (*Jupyter notebooks*), data papers, overlay journals, etc.

Lessons learnt

- The crucial role of public technical service providers operating as **national research infrastructures**.
- **Libraries** are well identified as funding Diamond OA but have had a different positioning regarding library publishing compared to other countries.
- How to scale up, especially for STM journals? Interpretation to be discussed: **community-based and disciplinary platforms or radical innovative initiatives** (PCI, overlay journals).

THANK YOU!