Panel discussion

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We resume at 1 pm!

Lunch break

**strengthening
diamond open access
in the netherlands**

Reflection time

What have we heard from researchers this morning?

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Challenges

1. Diamond OA options (e.g., journals) are not known by researchers
2. Journal editor: sustainability of Diamond OA, economically hard to have a scholarly-led journal due to the **workload** (exploitation)
3. **Unevenness and inequality** of publication culture (depending on country)
4. **Lack of awareness/critical analysis** of publishing culture (opportunism in publication choices)
5. **Funding** reserved for Diamond OA at the institutional level
6. Perceived reputation is just good **branding**
7. **Limited budget** at the library/institution level
8. **Discussion on LLMs**

Needs 1

- More visibility of Diamond OA options
- Need for proper **understanding of publication culture**
- Consider **interdisciplinarity** in the toolkit
- **Collective actions**: early career researchers shouldn't have the burden
- senior established researchers should pave the way
- Better **open infrastructures** ("publisher quality" and Ux design)
- Big organizations can invest and launch Diamond OA journals
- Communication targeting reviews for Diamond OA journals

Needs 2

- Make distinction between **quality** and **branding**
- **Secretarial support** for Diamond OA journals (495 euros estimated cost per article in Diamond OA)
- **Publication processes awareness:** researchers feel like they are ripped off
- Institutional support from libraries
- **Reserve budget** at NWO/ERC to Diamond OA - creates inequality for researchers that are not funded
- Collective decision for both University boards and funders: **prioritize where to invest**
- **Recognition and reward** / research assessment connected to Diamond OA, incentives for Diamond OA, yearly talks / intrinsic recognition within research community

Needs 3

- "**Scholarly-led**" / "**Academic-owned**" as a badge of quality: make this more visible
- **Quality = transparency**: quality of referees and to the point; **open peer review**, with reports published along with the paper.
- **Brand** Diamond OA more, e.g., during jaargesprek, in repositories, Diamond OA as much as a criterion as others. "**Badge**" for academic conversations/evaluations (see **R&R**) ! Keep in mind that this should not be the way forward
- Give space to the initial spirit as publication as **scientific discussion and debate**
- **Quality** = branding, infrastructure, user interface, **open source infrastructu development**

Needs 4

- **Books:** commercial but non-exploitative (academic or not) publishers; small commercial publishers who do the work.
- Importance of the **physical object** "book" > printed books are still important education-wise, also for Diamond OA digital-only publications (print-on-demand option should be there).
- Discussions on the future of Open Access Books and science communication in general: **"non-traditional" publication outputs** (both in commercial platforms and not) / open source platforms

Needs 5

- Overcome the monopoly of "quality" control
- Change the reward system: quality over quantity / R&R: Diamond OA as "**slow science**"
- Publish only very good articles in Diamond OA as an impact strategy
- Internationally tuned to protect moving of early-career researchers
- Target senior researchers with the toolkit