

## Copyright Clearance Center's RightsLink<sup>®</sup> for Scientific Communications Increases Awareness of Available Open Access Publication Funding Upon Manuscript Submission

Comprehensive Scholarly Communications Workflow Solution Supports the Industry's Sustainable Transition to Open Access

January 27, 2021 – Danvers, Mass. – <u>Copyright Clearance Center, Inc.</u> (CCC), a leader in advancing copyright, accelerating knowledge, and powering innovation, announces new functionality in <u>RightsLink® for Scientific Communications</u> (RLSC), its market-leading, comprehensive scholarly communications workflow solution. RLSC now can inform authors of available Open Access (OA) publication funding throughout the manuscript lifecycle, starting with submission.

Leading submission platforms such as those offered by CCC partners <u>Aries</u>, <u>ScholarOne</u> and <u>eJournal Press</u>, enable authors to preview Article Processing Charges (APCs) that may be due upon manuscript acceptance. Now, leveraging RLSC's agreement management capabilities, authors can see a list of possible funding sources for paying those fees based on publisher agreements with institutions, consortia or funders.

"Researchers and authors have long struggled with the administrative burden required to identify, secure and manage eligible OA publication funding from various sources," said Emily Sheahan, Vice President and Managing Director, CCC. "With this new capability, CCC and its submission platform partners make it possible to connect author affiliation to funding eligibility early in the manuscript lifecycle, providing an important missing link between the various workflow stakeholders."

## **OA Drives Open Science Achievements**

RLSC enables publishers, funders and institutions to support a variety of Open Access agreements. It accelerates the implementation of OA deals, including Read and Publish Agreements, Publish and Read Agreements, Membership Deals, and more. RLSC is now the most widely adopted market solution to support institutional agreements, ease the APC payment process for unfunded authors, facilitate alignment with mandates such as Plan S, and lower operating costs for all parties. CCC works with publishers, funders and institutions as they seek to further simplify implementation of OA institutional agreements and accelerate deals in effect for 2021. More than 30 publishers rely on CCC's sophisticated agreement management solution to serve more than 800 global academic institutions, consortia, and funders – including Jisc, Max Planck and California Digital Library. CCC's Open Access Workflow Services, a comprehensive consulting practice providing strategic OA institutional agreement workflow support, helps organizations deliver on each agreement's unique needs.

CCC is an active partner in the information industry's evolution of hybrid and pure Open Access publishing models. For years CCC has brought together key Open Access stakeholders from the author, publisher, institution, funding, and vendor communities through roundtables, panel events, webinars, podcasts, and published pieces. CCC is a member of <u>OASPA</u> (Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association), <u>ALPSP</u> (Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers), <u>STM</u> (International Association of STM Publishers) and <u>SSP</u> (Society for Scholarly Publishing).

## ABOUT COPYRIGHT CLEARANCE CENTER

<u>Copyright Clearance Center (CCC)</u> builds unique solutions that connect content and rights in contextually relevant ways through software and professional services. CCC helps people navigate vast amounts of data to discover actionable insights, enabling them to innovate and make informed decisions. CCC, with its subsidiary RightsDirect, collaborates with customers to advance how data and information are integrated, accessed, and shared while setting the standard for effective copyright solutions that accelerate knowledge and power innovation. CCC is headquartered in Danvers, Mass. with offices across North America, Europe and Asia. To learn more about CCC, visit <u>www.copyright.com</u>.

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