



**Copyright Clearance Center Now Automating Open Access Agreement Management Between Publishers and More Than 800 Institutions and Funders in 40+ Countries Through RightsLink® for Scientific Communications**

*Market-Leading, Comprehensive Scholarly Communications Workflow Solution Trusted by Over 30 Leading Publishers Representing 2,400 Journals*

**February 23, 2021 – Danvers, Mass. – [Copyright Clearance Center, Inc.](#) (CCC), a leader in advancing copyright, accelerating knowledge, and powering innovation, announces that [RightsLink for Scientific Communications](#) (RLSC), its market-leading, comprehensive scholarly communications workflow solution trusted by more than 30 leading publishers representing 2,400 journals, is now being used to simplify the management of Open Access (OA) agreements between publishers and more than 800 institutions and funders in 40+ countries.**

Tens of thousands of OA institutional agreement funding requests have been processed using RightsLink since 2019. Institutions, consortia, and funders include: BIBSAM, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, CzechELib, FinELib, FWF, Jisc, Max Planck, MIT, National Institutes of Health (NIH), SURF, and the University of California System/California Digital Library.

RLSC enables publishers, funders and institutions to support a variety of OA agreements, such as Read and Publish and Community Action Publishing, and accelerates the implementation of OA Membership deals. CCC recently [announced](#) expanded functionality for RightsLink, including a capability to inform authors of available OA publication funding throughout the manuscript lifecycle, starting with submission. CCC's [Open Access Workflow Services](#), a comprehensive consulting practice providing strategic OA institutional agreement workflow support, also helps organizations deliver on each agreement's unique needs.

"RightsLink is now the most widely adopted market solution for scholarly publishing with support for OA institutional agreements, APC payments, and alignment with mandates such as Plan S," said Emily Sheahan, Vice President and Managing Director, Information and Content Solutions, CCC. "Not only does it help lower operating costs, but when it comes to data security and privacy, publishers and institutions count on RightsLink."

CCC adheres to the rigorous PCI standard, is certified for the ISO 27001 Information Security Management System (ISMS) standard, which reflects CCC's ability to manage data confidentiality, integrity and availability, and it also produces a SOC 2 (Type2) report.

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 [OASPA](#) (Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association), [ALPSP](#) (Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers), [STM](#) (International Association of STM Publishers) and [SSP](#) (Society for Scholarly Publishing).

#### **ABOUT COPYRIGHT CLEARANCE CENTER**

[Copyright Clearance Center \(CCC\)](#) 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 is 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 [www.copyright.com](http://www.copyright.com).

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