



The *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* Adopts Copyright Clearance Center's RightsLink® Author E-Commerce Platform

Washington D.C.-based Journal Representing the World's Leading Researchers Can Now Easily Automate All Varieties of Author Transactions as Intuitively and Flexibly as its Publishing Program Demands

May 8, 2019 – Danvers, Mass. – [Copyright Clearance Center, Inc.](#) (CCC), a leader in advancing copyright, accelerating knowledge, and powering innovation, announces that the [Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences](#) (PNAS) has implemented CCC's [RightsLink® Author](#), the industry-leading solution for managing Open Access and related publication charges. PNAS, one of the world's most-cited and comprehensive multidisciplinary scientific journals, now has the ability to facilitate easy payments of fees for pages, Open Access, and author reprints. The RightsLink Author platform is seamlessly integrated with [Sheridan Journal Services](#) and [eJournalPress](#) (EJP).

RightsLink Author offers publishers of all sizes immediate access to the sophisticated software infrastructure and staff expertise needed to simplify the collection and management of publication charges. It delivers a shared platform with common workflows for thousands of authors and dozens of institutions already working with other RightsLink client publishers.

"A draw for us was the robust Open Access infrastructure that already existed and our desire to be on an author-friendly platform," said Diane Sullenberger, Executive Editor, PNAS. "Being a part of RightsLink offers a simple and intuitive e-commerce solution."

"As publishers face mounting pressure to accelerate the transition to Open Access, it can be hard to know if you're on the right path," said Gretchen Gasser-Ellis, Vice President and Managing Director, Publisher Solutions, CCC. "The right solution has to address the operational overhead of managing traditional subscription businesses along with Open Access publishing models, support for validation of new agreement types that often require manual support or intervention, and the ability to respond to the needs of a global author base. Our customers are asking for flexible, collaborative, data-driven solutions that empower publishers while supporting all stakeholders, including funders, institutions, and authors."

RightsLink Author supports publishers and their customers with a world-class, trusted solution that offers:

- Author-centric workflow that leverages standard author, institution, and manuscript metadata to easily accommodate individual, consortium-level, and national-level deals.
- Automated billing payable in seven currencies by credit card, wire, check, or money order.
- Seamless integration with customers' current technology ecosystems, including manuscript management, production, finance, and membership systems.
- Dynamic pricing and discount rules at the publisher, journal, or article-type level.
- Detailed reporting for all parties in real time from a central source.
- Global, award-winning customer service available by email, phone, and live chat.
- Continuous updates and platform enhancements.

CCC is an active partner in the information industry's transition from subscription content to hybrid and pure Open Access content. 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) and [SSP](#) (Society of 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 subsidiaries [RightsDirect](#) and [Ixxus](#), 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 www.copyright.com.

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