

The Research Council of Norway: Implementing a new model for financing gold-OA

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OA-policy background

- Government white-paper 2013:
 - Research Council to cover APC as part of financing research projects.
 - Research institutions to establish publication funds.
- Research Council: OA-policy:
 - First policy 2009 - green OA
 - Revised policy 2014 - gold OA

Research Council: Implementation of OA-policy

- Support for national SSH-journals: must be OA from 2017.
- Research Council can withhold funding if projects do not comply with OA-demands (self-archiving).
- A new financing scheme to boost gold OA-publishing: **STIM-OA**.

STIM-OA

- Alternative to financing gold OA through our individual research projects.
- Promoting more publishing in Open Journals.
- Cost efficient and better control over use of Research Council funds.
- Structuring of financial models for APCs at the institutions.
- Funding-period: 2014-2019
- Goal: APC will be incorporated into the institutions indirect R&D costs.
- A more rapid transition.



STIM-OA: How it works

- Boosting institutional APC-funds and mechanisms.
- Universities and u-colleges: publication funds
- Covers estimated 50 % of all APC costs nationally (NOK 9 mill. for 2014).
- The (rough) estimate:
 - Total 17 000 articles with Norwegian author (2013)
 - 8700 articles from projects financed by the Research Council (reported in 2012)
 - Ca. 1000 articles published with APC
 - Average APC NOK 17 000
 - Total NOK 17 m. in APC
 - Research Council covers up to NOK 9 m.
- Covers up to 50 % of APC costs at each institution.

More on how it works

- Articles must be published in journals on level 1 or 2 on the Norwegian UHR-index and be registred in DOAJ. No hybrid.
- The institutions apply for funding to cover expenses from the previous fiscal year.
- First announcement in April 2015.

STIM-OA: The road ahead

- Contribute to a swift transission to an OA-economy.
- Main-streaming APC costs.
- See how it works...evaluate the scheme continuously in the period 2015-19.
- Only uncertainty is certain, but we will push in the direction set by our policy goals.
- The Norwegian research-system has some advantages: especially the publication funds.

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Thank you!