

## FINANCING A GLOBAL DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



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Thank you for the invitation and thanks to all of the organizers of the convenings over this week. It's been a true collaborative effort!

When the BOAI defined OA, we suggested that “an old tradition and a new technology have converged to make possible an unprecedented public good.” Yet twenty years later, while the movement has succeeded in opening up almost half of all scholarly communications to read, new barriers have been created for authors to publish, through the commercialization of OA, and that is why I believe this conference is so important to focus the energy of the movement on non-commercial, community-driven diamond OA.

In our BOAI20 recommendations, we suggest:

- supporting community-controlled infrastructure
- and moving away from APCs and transformative agreements

Now as we consider financing—as we've heard earlier this week, Latin America prioritizes community over commercialization, and the main drivers toward OA in Latin America have been public universities and government organizations, with no outsourcing to commercial publishers. Strong publicly funded, scholar-led infrastructure has supported journals in the region to improve quality and make the transition to OA without APCs. We also see wonderful examples of EU funded

projects, as well as European projects at the national level in Croatia, Finland, France, and plans for the development of a publicly-owned, national platform for Diamond OA journals in Ireland.

Our challenge:

How can we replicate these models of support for diamond OA infrastructure on the global scale? Are there certain regions which may be more aligned with supporting public goods where such models will thrive? And are these countries/regions open to also considering contributing support for global OA infrastructure? What advocacy efforts would be needed to encourage such government funding?

And to add to our challenges, in addition to publishing platforms, I believe when we discuss global diamond OA infrastructure, we should also take into consideration the infrastructure that supports the diamond publishing ecosystem, such as OJS, DOAJ, COAR, and CC.

However, I believe our opportunity is that we are meeting in the region that pioneered Diamond OA and has over two decades of experience successfully supporting diamond OA infrastructure. We can take lessons learned from LA and discuss how the global community can collaborate to reduce duplication of effort and benefit from economies of scale.

Then, as we consider global initiatives for strengthening DOA infrastructure, we must ensure that equity is at the core of the development process by including all regions in the design, management and implementation of global activities.