WGOA annual plan 2024

This national working group hosts Open Access specialists from all over the Netherlands. In its bimonthly meetings, this group discusses the major developments in the field of open access all over the country, hence playing an important role in shaping the open access publishing policies for all Dutch universities.

What are we working on in 2024?

1. Framework OA policies

This subproject aims to deliver an inventory of existing and/or planned policies around (OA) publishing in Dutch Universities, with a focus on concrete official policies. Moreover, it will investigate the potential of RRS and green OA for policy and strategy of Dutch Universities and in the longer term the creation of a national framework for scholarly communication policy in Dutch Universities.

Involved WGOA members: Dirk van Gorp (RU) / Anne van den Maagdenberg (VU) / Chantal Hukkelhoven (WUR) / Marit van Eck (UT) / Marjet Elemans (TUe) With assistance from: Tessa de Roo (UL)

2. Open Infrastructures

In this subproject we are exploring possibilities for collaborative funding to strengthen the sustainability of Open (publishing) Infrastructures.

Involved WGOA members: Anne van den Maagdenberg (VU) / Ron Aardening (UM) / Astrid van Wesenbeeck (KB) / Pascal Braak (UvA)

With assistance from: Michelle van den Berk (UL)

3. Guide for editors to flip to Diamond Open Access

This subproject is tasked with writing this year's UKB National working Group on Open Access's guide. Specifically, this year we are focusing on writing a guide for journal editors on how to flip their journals to Diamond Open Access, a scholarly communication model in which research outputs are openly available, without charging fees to either authors or readers. In this model, all content-related elements are led and owned by scholarly communities.

Involved WGOA members: Hanna de Vries (UU) / Andrea Tarchi (EUR) / Pascal Braak (UvA) / Just de Leeuwe (TUD) With assistance from: Maria Constantin (UU) / Susanne van Rijn (EUR)

4. National Open Access Books

This subproject will deliver guidelines for university libraries on open access books. The guidelines will map the available resources on this topic and will address the various financing models and funding options for open access books, how to redirect collection development budget towards open initiatives, as well as providing advice on how to set up an open access fund.

Involved WGOA members: Giulia Trentacosti (RUG) / Beatriz Ferreira (UvT) With assistance from: Chiara Livio (UU) / Rashmi Shetty (UU)

5. White paper OA

In 2024, the white paper subproject of the National Working Group on Open Access wants to help think about the direction we are going in the Netherlands with Read & Publish deals and how to use open access as widely as possible in our common pursuit of open science. Involved WGOA members: Heleen Palmen (UL) / Dirk van Gorp (RU) / Ron Aardening (UM) / Marjet Elemans (TUe) / Chantal