



ASSAf Open Access Week 2019 Diary – Save the Dates!
“Open for Whom? Equity in Open Knowledge”
21 – 25 October 2019, Everywhere

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) is looking forward towards participating in Open Access Week, celebrated globally from 21 until 27 October 2019, themed: “**Open** for Whom? Equity in **Open** Knowledge”.

We invite all members of the scholarly community to participate in the following series of events, to be presented by ASSAf, in collaboration with other stakeholders. Please register where required and where indicated. Registration is free of charge.

For the most recent version of the programme, visit <https://www.assaf.org.za/>

The following selected activities would run throughout the week:

- Follow the Twitter stream **#didyouknow**
- Quest - Science for South Africa blog post on the rationale behind Open Access for the youth
- Profiling of ASSAf Open Access champion members through the South African Journal of Science (SAJS) facebook page – using #OAWEEK #OpenForWhom #SAJSOAWEEK #ASSAfOAWEEK
- Blog article on the current status of Open Science on the continent, published on the Directory of Open Access Journals blog

22 October 2019, 10:00-11:00 SAST

Webinar: An SA Journal's Move to Open Access

In 2018 the South African Journal of Business Management, an ISI listed journal, moved to an Open Access environment. The managing editor will describe the motivation behind it, the process they followed and the responses they've had during this journey.

Presenter: Dr Lara Skelly, Research Manager and Head: PhD Business Management and Administration, University of Stellenbosch Business School

Register: <https://forms.gle/gDD1hMBmVWmJWNxT6> (free)

Venue: Virtual (information to be shared on registration)

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23 October 2019, 11:00-12:00 SAST

Webinar: *The Future of Open Access Books: Findings from a global survey of academic book authors*

In this webinar, you will be introduced to the [open access books programme and portfolio at Springer Nature](#). Findings from the recent global survey of more than 2,500 academic book authors on attitudes towards, and awareness of, open access will also be presented (see [‘The Future of Open Access Books’ white paper](#)).

Presenter: Ms Christina Emery, Marketing Manager, Open Access Books at Springer Nature, London

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24 October 2019, 17:00 for 17:30 – 19:30 SAST

**ASSAf Presidential Roundtable: Science, Scholarship and Society on:
*‘Is Scholarly Publishing becoming Unaffordable?’ An Evidence-based Dialogue on the Implications of a European Plan S on South African Research***

In collaboration with [Stellenbosch University Library](#).

Launched in 2018, [Plan S](#) is an initiative by [Science Europe](#) for Open Access publishing. The initiative that promotes making full and immediate Open Access a reality, has received much criticism of its implementation guidelines. There is concern about the transition to this model amongst both commercial publishers and a range of learned society journal publishers. How should South African institutions address the implications of Plan S? What exactly will the potential impact be on researchers and institutional budgets? Will Plan S not just be replacing the barrier to read with a barrier to authorship? Through its panellists, the Roundtable will be one of many efforts to understand this contentious subject and the related issues.

Date: 24 October 2019

Time: 17:00 for 17:30 – 19:30 SAST

Venue: Stellenbosch University Library Auditorium, Stellenbosch University, Victoria & Ryneveld Streets

This event will be live streamed. Details to be provided closer to the time.

Moderator: Prof Jonathan Jansen, Distinguished Professor of Education, Stellenbosch University & President of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)

Register: [Click here](#) to RSVP by 21 October 2019

Light refreshments will be served following the event.

Enquiries: renate@assaf.org.za

25 October 2019, 09:00-10:00 SAST

Webinar: *Getting the Best out of Data for Open Access Monograph Presses*

This webinar will discuss the importance of ensuring that open access scholarly books are visible and easily discoverable on the net and outline steps that can be taken by publishers to maximise visibility. The presenter will also briefly explore the challenges of collecting data about how, where and why open access books are used and provide examples of community-led efforts to support publishers in making the most of data associated with digital books.

Presenter: Mr Alkim Ozaygen, Research Associate: School of Media, Creative Arts and Social Inquiry, Faculty of Humanities, Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia

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Venue: Virtual (information to be shared on registration)

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Brief biographies:

Ms Christina Emery is Marketing Manager for Palgrave Macmillan's and Springer's open access books programmes at Springer Nature. She studied French with German at the University of Leeds and went on to work for the European Patent Office in Munich. Before her role at Springer Nature, she was Partnership Manager at Knowledge Unlatched, an initiative that provides open access services to librarians and publishers.

Prof Jonathan Jansen is a Distinguished Professor of education at Stellenbosch University and president of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf). He is the immediate past Vice-Chancellor and Rector of the University of the Free State (UFS). He was a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. He is a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association, a Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) and also President of the South African Institute of Race Relations.

Mr Alkim Ozaygen is a Research Associate at the School of Media, Creative Arts and Social Inquiry, Faculty of Humanities at Curtin University, Australia. See: Montgomery, L. and Neylon, C. and Ozaygen, A. and Leaver, T. 2018. *Getting the best out of data for open access monograph presses: A case study of UCL Press*. Learned Publishing. 31 (4): pp. 335-344. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/leap.1168> See:

Dr Lara Skelly is the Research Manager at the University of Stellenbosch Business School, where she is also the Head of the PhD programme in Business Management and Administration, and the Managing Editor of the South African Journal of Business Management. Her research interests include the impact of research, and how to help researchers do what they do better. A former professional librarian, she advocates for the free sharing of information with ethical practices.

We are looking forward to all members from the scholarly community participating in the above events!