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INTERNATIONAL OPEN ACCESS WEEK 2026

Date: 20 October 2026

Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Register: <https://uj-ac-za.libcal.com/calendar/16682/openaccessseminar>

We encourage postgraduate students, researchers, academics, librarians and scholarly publishing professionals to participate in this important conversation about the future of open scholarship



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PROGRAMME

Time	Session	Focus	Speaker and affiliation
09:00–09:15	Welcome and opening remarks — The cost of knowledge: Why this conversation matters	Introduce the Open Access Week theme and explore why the costs of creating, accessing and sharing knowledge matter to researchers, institutions and society.	Dr Addamms Mututa, Senior Lecturer: Communication and Media Studies, University of Johannesburg
09:15–09:45	Session 1 — Transformative agreements	Explore transformative agreements and their role in supporting open access publishing.	Liz Ferguson, Senior Vice President, Research Publishing Wiley
09:45–10:15	Session 2 — Who pays for knowledge? Unpacking the economics of scholarly publishing	Examine subscription costs, article processing charges (APCs), transformative agreements and institutional expenditure. Consider whether these models offer value, who benefits and who bears the costs.	Mr Glenn Truran, Director, South African National Library and Information Consortium (SANLiC)
10:15–10:45	Session 3 — The cost of open access: Findings from the APC study	Present findings from the APC study and discuss their implications for publishing costs, equitable participation and sustainable open access in South Africa.	Ms Susan Veldsman, Manager: Scholarly Publishing Programme, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)
10:45–11:15	Session 4 — The future of open knowledge: Reimagining the library's role	Explore libraries' evolving role as strategic partners in open scholarship, including support for artificial intelligence, research data, scholarly communication and sustainable research ecosystems.	Mr Lazarus Matizirofa, Associate Director: Research, Scholarly Communications, Digital Systems & Services, University of the Witwatersrand
11:15–11:55	Discussion	Reflect on the main insights, identify practical next steps and thank speakers and delegates.	Ms Ivy Segoe, Research Support Librarian, University of Johannesburg Ina Smith, Programme Officer: Open Science and Open Infrastructure, SPP ASSAf
11:55–12:00	Closing	Reflect on the main insights, identify practical next steps and thank speakers and delegates.	Ms Ivy Segoe, Research Support Librarian, University of Johannesburg