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SCOAP³ Newsletter

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Latest News

On 1st August 2018 SCOAP³ supported the 22,222nd article since its start of operation in 2014. With the recent addition of journals of the American Physical Society, SCOAP³ now covers ~7,000 HEP articles every year, representing around 90% of the journal literature in the field.

Journals, predominantly publishing HEP content, are typically fully supported by SCOAP³ (see list of journals on the right), including high-quality research articles from neighbouring fields such as nuclear or astroparticle physics. Under this scheme, SCOAP³ has proudly supported the OA publication of the last paper by Prof. Dr. Stephen Hawking "<u>A smooth exit</u> from eternal inflation?" which was downloaded more than 130,000 times since its publication in April 2018 (as per the journal website).



Prof. Hawking at NASA's StarChild Learning Center



Partnership Activity

On May 3-4th 2018, 40 delegates and observers, representing 36 countries/IGO's met at CERN for the SCOAP³ Governing Council.

The 2-day meeting covered operational and governance matters in the life of the initiative and, most important, a long-term strategy discussion. The delegates agreed on an implementation plan to continue the SCOAP³ initiative for at least three more years, with an option for further continuation. Delegates also approved the exploration of concrete options to expand the SCOAP³ Open Access opportunities.

Looking for volunteers: The SCOAP3 team at CERN has started to translate the <u>SCOAP3 Facts & Figures</u> into several languages. If you can help with the translation into further languages or review existing ones, please contact us!



Tech Corner

The SCOAP³ Repository Upgrade project is well underway and all new articles are now harvested in parallel into the old repository as well as the new beta version you can find here: <u>https://beta.scoap3.org.</u>

Together with the new infrastructure, up-to-date software (Invenio 3), new centralized processing tools and a modern UI, the upgrade is going to introduce a new harvesting and search API which will include:

- OAuth authentication
- JSON-based search metadata
- Improved search syntax

Unfortunately, the upgrade will require to update the implementation on the API users' site. The SCOAP³ team will contact all users individually to support the migration efforts.

API Stats: 61 registrations / 20 apps running

Article Count

Journal	SCOAP ³ cover	# articles 2014 – 2017	# articles 2018
APPB	~8%	69	4
AHEP	~32%	653	102
CPC	~13%	149	91
EPJC	100%	2,713	594
JHEP	100%	8,232	1241
NPB	100%	1,296	173
PLB	100%	3,553	557
PRC	~9%	-	57
PRD	~64%	-	1,154
PRL	~10%	-	159
PTEP	~43%	338	50
TOTAL*		17,682	4,144

*Total includes 679 articles published in the years 2014-2016 in JCAP and NJP, two journals no longer participating in SCOAP³



ExCo Activity

<u>Meetings held:</u> Jan: 10th, 24th; Feb: 7th, 21st; Mar: 07th, 14th, 22-24th, 28th; Apr: 04th, 18th, 26th; May: 2nd, 14th; Jun: 6th, 28th; Jul: 12th

Decisions

The following were presented for discussion and approval at the May 2018 GC meeting:

- \square Issue a call for candidates to the ExCo
- Propose B. Kromp for GC Deputy Chair
- Present a strategy for Phase 3 negotiations

Discussion items

- Provided regular advice to Future Strategy Working Group (FSWG) and participated in joint workshop
- Received updates and provided input to discussions with publishers regarding the continuation of SCOAP³ for Phase 3
- Supported preparation of Governing Council meeting at CERN

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