# SCOAP<sup>3</sup> Newsletter #2

Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics

> web: http://scoap3.org e-mail: info@scoap3.org phone: +41 22 767 38 25



Apr - Jun 2015

### **Latest News**

The SCOAP<sup>3</sup> partnership continues to grow. In the United States, we recently welcomed Yale University as a SCOAP<sup>3</sup> partner underlining the broad support that our initiative receives in the country with the highest scientific output in the world.

Our Asian community also continue to grow: On June, 11<sup>th</sup> Prof. Rolf Heuer, the Director General of CERN (on behalf of SCOAP³) and Prof. Shih-Chang Lee of the Academia Sinica of Taiwan signed the Memorandum of Understanding representing some 43 institutions in the country.



## Partnership Activity

The SCOAP<sup>3</sup> community met on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at CERN for the Governing Council meeting. 34 representatives from 25 countries and IGOs participating in SCOAP<sup>3</sup> got together in Geneva to discuss the status of the initiative and how it should continue beyond the initial 3-years.

On the first day, delegates were provided an update on current status and recent developments. This included an Enlargement Report, the Operations Update and the Repository Report, all given by the central SCOAP³ team at CERN. Subsequently the various working groups and committees updated the Governing Council about their activities in 2015 so far. The SCOAP³ audit committee presented the results of the first annual audit of the

(continues on the next page)

Article Stats			
		as of	June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2015
Journal	# articles 2014	# articles YTD 2015	# articles Total
ACTA	11	15	26
AHEP	198	77	275
CPC	18	17	35
EPJC	525	294	819
JCAP	236	104	340
JHEP	2,009	1,013	3,022
NJP	9	3	112
NPB	321	175	496
PLB	890	426	1,316
PTEP	63	51	114
TOTAL	4,280	2,175	6,455

### **Tech Corner**

The SCOAP<sup>3</sup> Repository team together with the Repository Support and Strategy Working Group hosted two 1-hour technical webinars in April. The sessions focused on the usage and individual implementation of the API and targeted technical experts of those institutions that were already registered for the SCOAP<sup>3</sup> API.

Ten participants benefited from detailed and individual training on how each institution could best implement the API according to their needs.

The slides and a recording of the webinar are available online: http://scoap3.org/training-materials

#### **API Stats:**

38 registrations 11 apps running

Register now! api.scoap3.org

# SCOAP<sup>3</sup> Newsletter #2

## Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics

web: http://scoap3.org e-mail: info@scoap3.org phone: +41 22 767 38 25



Apr - Jun 2015

(continuation from previous next page)

SCOAP<sup>3</sup> fund, which was performed by an independent audit company based in Geneva.

The second day of the Governing Council meeting was entirely focused on the future of SCOAP<sup>3</sup>. The participants unanimously agreed that the initiative should continue for another 3-year cycle. The SCOAP<sup>3</sup> Executive Committee together with CERN will now work on a detailed framework for this continuation which will be presented to the Governing Council later this year.





### **ExCo Activity**

Meetings: Apr 07<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, May 05<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Jun 02<sup>nd</sup>, 09<sup>th</sup>, 14/15<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### <u>Decisions</u>

- ☑ Create and disseminate a newsletter
- ☑ Distribute consolidated SWOT results to MoU signatories and GC members
- ☐ Distribute supporting material for GC strategic discussion in advance
- ✓ Prepare survey to collect feedback from GC participants

#### Discussion items

- Successful review of publishers compliance and API applications
- Development and review of SCOAP<sup>3</sup> phase 2 scenarios
- Preparation of Governing Council meeting 15-16<sup>th</sup> June
- Review GC discussions and prepare action plan for ExCo and CERN

## **Operations Update**

Did you know that one important responsibility of the SCOAP<sup>3</sup> Operations team in Geneva is the regular compliance check of the incoming articles? These weekly semi-automated checks ensure that all articles that are funded by SCOAP<sup>3</sup> are fully compliant with the agreed terms and conditions. The checks include the timely delivery (within 24 hours after the registration of the articles DOI), the proper license (CC-BY), labelling the article as "Funded by SCOAP3" and the copyright remaining with the authors. Also the formats of the meta data and full-text files are checked so that complete information is available in the SCOAP<sup>3</sup> repository (repo.scoap3.org).

In 2014, out of 4,280 articles published in the SCOAP³ journals, only one article has failed the compliance checks. This is far better than the compliance of comparable Open Access initiatives: One example is the UK based Wellcome Trust who recently announced the results of its analysis of the 2013/2014 data on Open Access publications funded by the trust. Out of some 2,500 articles financed by grants of the Wellcome Trust, only 61% were fully compliant with the trusts policy. Articles failing the compliance check even included a number of publications not Open Access on the publishers websites.

If you are interested in more details, do not hesitate to contact the Operations team.