

SCOAP³

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Latest News

SCOAP³ now comprises 47 countries and Intergovernmental Organisations. As of December 2015 Australia is part of the SCOAP³ community, which means that all continents are now represented in the consortium. The first Australian institutions signed the MoU in December 2015 and contribute retroactively from 2014 onwards their savings on subscriptions:

- [Queensland University of Technology \(QUT\)](#)
- [University of Melbourne](#)
- [University of Western Australia \(UWA\)](#)
- [Griffith University](#)

Thanks to the strong support of the entire Australian OA community we expect more institutions from the region to join soon.



Partnership Activity

On November 18th 2015, SCOAP³ held its 2nd Forum entitled "The impact of SCOAP³". The SCOAP³ Executive Committee, joined by several guest speakers, presented on the impact of the initiative for libraries, scientists and funding agencies. A recording of the webcast and the slides are available here:

<http://scoap3.org/scoap3-forum-2015>.

The SCOAP³ Governing Council held its fifth meeting at CERN on December 11th 2015 attended by almost 40 delegates and observers from all geographical regions. The larger part of the meeting was dedicated to the preparation of the second 3-year cycle of SCOAP³ (2017-2019). Presentations from the Executive Committee and discussions in the assembly focused on the re-negotiation of publisher contracts and the revised distribution of HEP authorship used in the calculation of contributions to the SCOAP³ collaboration.

SCOAP³ is a global partnership of libraries, research centers and funding agencies to convert High-Energy Physics journals to Open Access at no cost for authors.



Article Stats

As of January 01th 2016

Journal	# articles 2014	# articles 2015	# articles Total
ACTA	11	27	38
AHEP	198	128	326
CPC	18	30	48
EPJC	525	602	1,127
JCAP	236	198	434
JHEP	2,009	2,160	4,169
NJP	9	8	17
NPB	321	320	641
PLB	890	902	1,792
PTEP	63	97	160
TOTAL	4,280	4,472	8,752

Average cost / article 2014-2015: € 1,106



ExCo Activity

Meetings held:

Oct 13th, 27th,
Nov 3rd, 10th, 16th, 24th,
Dec 04th, 10th, 15th

Decisions

- Approval of approach and messages to publishers for re-negotiation
- Prepare a re-launch of the SCOAP³ website together with Outreach WG
- Present income scenarios for guidance to the Governing Council

Discussion items

- Develop a negotiation strategy for publisher discussions.
- Preparation of the 2nd Forum and the Governing Council meeting
- Review and evaluate outcome of publisher discussions.
- Provide feedback on outreach activities