

# SCOAP<sup>3</sup>

## Newsletter #5

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### Latest News

SCOAP<sup>3</sup> recently celebrated the publication of the 10,000<sup>th</sup> article funded by the consortium since the start of operations in 2014. Authors from over 90 countries have benefited from immediate Open Access for their publications, making SCOAP<sup>3</sup> the largest international Open Access initiative, that operates in collaboration with multiple society and commercial publishers. In addition to availability on the publishers' platforms, articles are also available for automated querying via the SCOAP<sup>3</sup> Repository, enabling partners to build value-added services.



### Partnership Activity

The SCOAP<sup>3</sup> Governing Council held its sixth meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2016. Delegates representing 38 countries and intergovernmental organisations met virtually to finalise the extension of SCOAP<sup>3</sup>.

The following decisions were taken unanimously:

- SCOAP<sup>3</sup> will continue for a second three-year phase from 2017-2019;
- The list and conditions for eight continuing journals were confirmed, including five society journals;
- The budget for the 3-year extension was approved;
- The principles for apportioning this budget amongst the participating countries and CERN were confirmed.

After discussion with one publisher failed to come to an agreement on sustainable pricing, two journals partially participating in the first phase of SCOAP<sup>3</sup>, *Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics* and *New Journal of Physics* will no longer have their HEP content funded by SCOAP<sup>3</sup> as of January 2017. Together, these journals accounted for less than 5% of articles published to date.



### Tech Corner

A fully redesigned SCOAP<sup>3</sup> website went online on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the existing address: <http://scoap3.org>. The migration was smooth.

The new site's modern and user-friendly design allows for better navigation, includes more details about the partnership governance and features additional sections such as FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) and other downloadable Resources.

Please share your feedback about the new website with us: [info@scoap3.org](mailto:info@scoap3.org).



### Article Stats

As of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016

Journal	# articles 2014	# articles 2015	# articles 2016
ACTA	11	27	7
AHEP	198	160	25
CPC	18	30	11
EPJC	525	602	177
JCAP	236	198	57
JHEP	2,009	2,160	565
NJP	9	8	1
NPB	321	320	96
PLB	890	875	251
PTEP	63	97	18
TOTAL	4,280	4,477	1,208



### ExCo Activity

Meetings held:

Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

Mar 01<sup>st</sup>, 08<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

### Decisions

- ✓ Approval of draft GC minutes
- ✓ Decisions in support of the website redesign
- ✓ Information for participating partners regarding continuation

### Discussion items

- Follow-up of December GC discussion
- Received operations and outreach status updates
- Regular consultation on progress of publishers' discussion
- Preparation of (remote) GC meeting: agenda, motions, presentation and logistics