SCOAP³ Newsletter #9

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Latest News

A new member has recently joined the SCOAP³ community. We warmly welcome the <u>University of</u> New South Wales (UNSW) as the latest SCOAP3 partner. With this latest addition, we are proud that seven Australian universities are part of the global SCOAP³ collaboration.



APS American Physical Society joins SCOAP3

physics CERN & APS announced in April that they entered into an agreement for SCOAP3. High-energy physics articles published in the three APS journals Physical Review C, Physical Review D & Physical Review Letters will be open access as from January 2018 at no cost for authors. This agreement expands the number of journals participating in SCOAP³ to 11 that jointly cover about 90% of journal literature in the field of high-energy physics. You can find the the parallel press releases here: <u>CERN press release</u> - <u>APS press release</u>.

The announcement coincided with the publication of the 15,000th SCOAP³ article since the start of the initiative in 2014 authored by more than 20,000 scientists from more than 100 countries.

CERN's Director General, Fabiola Gianotti said: "Open access reflects values and goals that have been enshrined in CERN's

the three APS journals.



Convention for more than 60 years, such as the widest dissemination of scientific results. We are very pleased that the APS is joining SCOAP3 and we look forward to welcoming more partners for the long-term success of this initiative."

APS CEO, Kate Kirby commented that, "APS has long supported the principles of open access to the benefit of



community" In the coming months CERN and the SCOAP³ Executive Committee will work closely with APS to operationalize the new agreement for a start in 2018. This includes the calculation of subscription fee reductions for all APS customers which is important to allow the 3,000 partner institutions to redirect their savings to SCOAP3. Furthermore the SCOAP3 Memorandum of Understanding which is

SCOAP³ initiative in support of this

From 2018 the HEP articles published in Physical Review C, Physical Review D and Physical Review Letters will also be available in the SCOAP³ Repository for direct access and convenient further distribution by SCOAP³ Partners into national and institutional repositories.

the legal foundation of the partnership will be amended to include

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Article Counter

As of June 30th 2017

Journal	# articles 2014 – 2016	# articles 2017
APPB	56	5
AHEP	512	64
CPC	91	32
EPJC	1,830	413
JHEP	6,283	914
NPB	1,008	152
PLB	2,654	491
PTEP	255	46
TOTAL*	13,368	2,117
*Total includes 679 articles published in the years 2014-2016 in		

JCAP and NJP, two journals no longer participating in SCOAP³



ExCo Activity

Meetings held: Apr 04th-11th, 25th; May 9th, 23rd; Jun 7th, 21st

Decisions

- ☑ Establish a charter for the new "Future Strategy Working Group"
- ☑ Issue SCOAP³ news subsequent to the official CERN and APS press releases regarding APS partnership
- ☑ Intensify outreach activities with Brazil
- ☑ Initiate the planning for the next virtual GC in September

Discussion items

- Provide guidance for the negotiations with APS on contractual details
- O Review of Annual Audit Report
- O Review of Phase 2 financial projections
- O Preparation of the Phase 1 Review Report

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