American Physical Society joins SCOAP³

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 parallel press releases here: CERN press release - APS press release.

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 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 the scientific enterprise. As a nonprofit society publisher & the largest international publisher of high-energy physics content, APS has chosen to participate in the SCOAP³ initiative in support of this 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 the legal foundation of the partnership will be amended to include the three APS journals.

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.

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.