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Latest News

The collaboration with the American Physical Society starts on January 1st 2018. As announced earlier, all HEP articles in Physical Review C, Physical Review D and Physical Review Letters will be made Open Access via SCOAP³.



Partnership Activity

The SCOAP³ partnership held its fourth Forum on December 07th 2017. The 2017 Forum was hosted for the first time by Brigitte Kromp who succeeded Ivy Anderson as SCOAP³ Forum Chair.



Brigitte Kromp

Two identical sessions focused on the impact of SCOAP³ on article downloads and on the upcoming addition of APS journals and covered: - a refresher of the SCOAP3 business model;

- a review of the first 4 years of the initiative (2014-2017)
- an analysis of the SCOAP³ impact on article downloads
- an outlook ahead with APS joining SCOAP3.

Materials are available at scoap3.org/scoap3-forum-2017/

Tech Corner

The SCOAP³ Repository is an indispensable back-office tool. It ingests articles from publishers within hours of publication, it automatically runs regular article compliance checks and it offers partners a one-stop opportunity to harvest relevant articles via a OAl-PMH feed or a dedicated API. The current repository is based on a legacy version of the CERN Open Source Invenio digital library. We are now migrating the repository to a new version of this framework to continue ensure high reliability and service quality.

This will allow more user services, such as one-click searches for e.g. articles from a given country or the possibility to intuitively refine search results.

We are starting soon some user testing. If you are interested, you can already give it a try at beta.scoap3.org Let us know what you think!



API Stats: 57 registrations / 20 apps running Register now! api.scoap3.org

Article Counter

As of December 31st 2017

Journal	# articles 2014 – 2016	# articles 2017
APPB	56	13
AHEP	512	141
CPC	91	58
EPJC	1,830	883
JHEP	6,283	1949
NPB	1,008	288
PLB	2,654	899
PTEP	255	83
TOTAL*	13,368	4,314

*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: Jul: 5th; Aug: 2nd, 16th, 30th; Sep: 13th, 27th; Oct: 11th, 16th, 25th, 31st; Nov: 15th, 22nd; Dec: 6th, 20th

Decisions

- ExCo to engage with prospective partners in countries not yet participating in SCOAP³ (e.g. Brazil)
- Make arrangements for chair for the December 2017 SCOAP³ Forum
- ☑ Focus discussions on SCOAP³ future to a GC meeting in spring 2018

Discussion items

- Provided guidance for the negotiations with APS on contractual details
- Reviewed partner commitments and financial projections for Phase 2
- Provided input to Future Strategy Working Group on SCOAP³ enlargement scenarios
- Supported preparation of virtual GC meeting and SCOAP³ Forum