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Publishing open digital journals

The use of Open Journal systems at OsloMet

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OsloMet and the University Library

Oslo Metropolitan University in Norway

- 2200 employees and 20.000 students

- Roots in vocational colleges; educates teachers, nurses, engineers, librarians and many more

The University Library

- 4 libraries around campus

- 80 employees

- Section for Multimedia

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3 existing journals running on Open Journals Systems (OJS) –
no technical support

3 OsloMet departments wanted to start journals –
no existing publishing platform

The Start-Up – http://journals.hioa.no

- The University Library decided to run a publishing platform based on Open Journal Systems, which the existing journals already were familiar with

- If the editor is an employee of OsloMet our services are free

- We wanted to make it easier for our departments to publish journals, and to offer the technical support and practical skills needed to publish an academic journal

- Open Access Journals at OsloMet was launched in the Summer of 2011, with six published journals

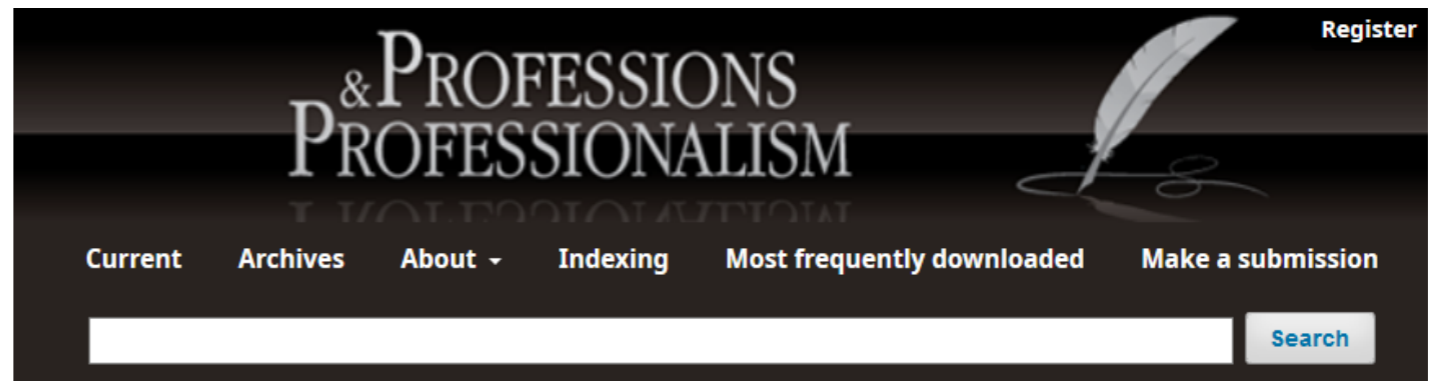- Our initial goal of offering only technical support quickly changed

Spin-off effects

Service level:

- User support for the editorial team

- Advice on peer review, name and domain selection, language selection, how to get financing, ISSN, level 1 approval in the Norwegian publishing system. Help with the first time setup of the article layout and reference lists

- We provide DOIs

- Training for editorial teams, attend editorial meetings if asked

- Arrange an annual meeting for editors, to discuss issues relevant ot all of our journals

- Advice and help with indexing and visibility

- Upload metadata to DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals)

- Delivery of annual statistics

Changing the view of digital publishing

- Formats – is PDF always the go-to format?

- Set bi-annual issues or continuous publishing?

- Continuous page numbers or eIDs?

Spin-off effects - again

Journal publishing at a cost

- We offer free training for libraries in other institutions looking to publish journals

- We decided to open for requests from external journals as well

- We do no marketing – at all

- Currently we publish 3 journals from other universities/university colleges in Norway

Sustainability and pricing

- We regularly get requests for price quotes

- Our goal is to give a fair pricing for our services, to encourage competition in the Norwegian publishing industry

- Our pricing model is fairly simple:
  Divide the labour, social cost and other expenses spent on running 15 journals with 15

The bottom line and price per journal:
7200 euros

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Thank you!

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