University of Cambridge

JOURNALS CO-ORDINATION SCHEME

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2019

in Comms Room 1, Aoi Pavilion, University Library

Present: Lynne Meehan (Chair), Penelope Butler (JCS Team), James Caudwell (JCS Team), Nicholas Cutler (Computer Laboratory), Patricia Killiard (JCS Team), Sue Lambert (Moore Library), Charlotte Smith (Engineering), Helen Stevens-Smith (Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology) Michael Williams (JCS Team)

Apologies: Joanne Farrant (JCS Team), Yvonne Nobis (Moore Library)

1. Declaration of interests
There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2019 were approved.

3. Matters arising
The Journals Working Group final report has been made available on the Committees section of the JCS web pages.

https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/journals-co-ordination-scheme/jcs/jcs-working-group

The new JCS Recommendations Database is now live.
https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/journals-co-ordination-scheme/subscriptions

4. Plan S developments & journal package renewals for 2020

(i) Plan S & transformative journal agreements
Patricia Killiard updated the committee with a presentation showing a snapshot of the position of the University in regards to Plan S and publisher transformative agreements.

Deals are negotiated every three to five years with a one year opt-out on occasion.

Library committees (academic led) want to know what is happening in regards to Plan S in order to have a better idea about where to publish. cOAlition S are compiling a list of journals that are Plan S compliant.

A Plan S and Journals Co-ordination Scheme Working Group has been created that will have a communications plan.
ii) Usage review & visualizations

Paper 19-5 ‘Usage visualisations’ had been circulated prior to the meeting for information. The 2018-2019 annual report statistics are available on the JCS pages.

https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/journals-co-ordination-scheme/jcs/usage-statistics-0/journal-usage-statistics

iii) Non-renewal planning activities

Paper 19-6 ‘Summary of Plan B planning activities for 2020 journal negotiations’ (draft) had been circulated prior to the meeting for information.

In addition to the details in the document it was noted that Unpaywall links have been added to the iDiscover sandbox before possible implementation into the live version.

iv) OA plugins demonstration

James Caudwell demonstrated the Kopernio browser plug-in for accessing Open Access versions of paywalled articles.

https://www.libraries.cam.ac.uk/eresources/search-and-discovery-tools/open-access-browser-plugins

5. Open access

The mock REF was held over the summer.

6. Financial matters

There is no new needs money available this financial year other than money from cancellations.

7. Move of databases into the JCS

Money from the Accessions Committee is not moving into the JCS, but the process is. Consultative Committees will decide which databases should be recommended to the Steering Committee.

The database budget of £10,529.73 is for the use of all the Consultative Committees.

The JCS Steering Committee to decide on the best case/priority.

Funds for journals can be added to the database money (not in year one).

8. Prioritisation of recommendations

A list of recommendations had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The cancellation of MIS Quarterly was approved.

Funds available: £421.65 (from cancellation of MIS Quarterly)
After some discussion, the Committee agreed to put forward the following as priority titles to the Steering Committee for consideration for purchase:

- AIAA meeting papers (current); AIAA meeting papers 1923-2017; SciTech Forum papers (£14,967.60) - database
- Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology (£5,625.17) – database

(- Joule would have been put forward if not published by Cell Press/Elsevier. Cell Press/Elsevier titles will continue to be added to the recommendations database, but not approved for purchase until the publisher introduces a transformative agreement for transitioning to full OA under Plan S).

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11th February 2020, 12o’clock midday, Comms Room 1, UL.

10. Any other business

None.