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Scholarly Publishing in South Africa: Quo Vadis?



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The Centre for Scholarly Publishing Services (PTY) Ltd, in conjunction with the National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) and the Durban University of Technology (DUT) will be hosting a hybrid conference on the dates 20 – 21 September 2021. The face-to-face component of the conference will take place at Saint George Hotel & Convention Centre, Pretoria and the virtual component will be held on Zoom Webinar.

The conference invites abstracts from scholars and postgraduate students to reflect on the below-mentioned issues across a range of themes.

Scholarly Publishing in South African Higher Education was given a new lease on life with the publication of the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) Research Outputs Policy 2015. Prior to the publication of this policy, many in the social sciences and humanities bemoaned the lack of incentives as far as the publication of scholarly books and chapters was concerned. Therefore, a perception existed, rightly or wrongly, that DHET favoured the production of scholarly journal articles over scholarly books and chapters.

Be that as it may, there is a school of thought that purports that the DHET's incentives policy has unleashed a nefarious academic industry that is preoccupied with the publication of an avalanche of scholarly outputs, especially journal articles, for the mere generation of subsidies over the quality of publications. The argument is that form has become a substitute for substance.

Moreover, compounding this is the existential threat to scholarly publishing, namely, the proliferation of predatory journals. These two factors have proven to be a toxic mix which threatens the future integrity of the discipline as well as that of scholarly publishing.

Furthermore, with most universities now insisting on the publication of a journal article as a prerequisite for the attainment of a Doctoral or in some cases a Master's degree, pressure has been brought to bear on most journal editors as they face an ever-increasing number of journal article submissions without the concomitant growth in the number of peer reviewers. This then raises concerns around the workload that journal editors face as well as the resultant quality of the peer review process. Inadvertently though, this phenomenon has introduced a new cohort of young researchers into the mainstream of knowledge production and dissemination as they are expected to publish prior to their graduation.

The role of the university research management office in enabling and fostering scholarly knowledge production and dissemination, especially as it relates to the generation of third-stream income through the publication subsidies has also not escaped scrutiny.

CONFERENCE OUTPUTS

A special book volume will be published from selected peer reviewed papers by an internationally acclaimed publisher. The final full papers should not exceed 8000 words including notes and references.

Another batch of selected peer reviewed papers will be proposed for a special issue of a DHET accredited Journal.

CONFERENCE THEMES:

The impact of DHET subsidies on the state of scholarly publishing

The role of research management in enabling and fostering scholarly publishing

The state of peer review in scholarly journal publishing

The impact factors in journal publishing

The contribution of post-graduate studies on the emergence of a new cohort of researchers and their contribution to scholarly publishing

The interface between ideas, money and the proliferation of predatory journals

What do university ranking systems mean?

Is the university library still the mainstay of scholarly communication?

Decolonising scholarly publishing

Disruptive innovation and the future of scholarly publishing

Reading, writing and publishing in African languages

Read more on the conference themes [here](#)

IMPORTANT DATES:

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT DEADLINE: 20 AUGUST 2021

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE FROM: 27 AUGUST 2021.

ABSTRACT SPEAKERS TO REGISTER AND PAY BY 3 SEPTEMBER 2021

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF FULL DRAFT PAPERS: 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES:

Abstract submission must include:

- TITLE OF PAPER
- NAME OF AUTHOR
- AFFILIATION
- CONTACT DETAILS OF AUTHOR
- THE ABSTRACT MUST BE BETWEEN 250-300 WORDS IN LENGTH
- 5 KEYWORDS
- THE ABSTRACT MUST INCLUDE;
 - PURPOSE OF PAPER,
 - METHODOLOGY,
 - RESULTS/ARGUMENT,
 - CONCLUSIONS,
 - RECOMMENDATIONS OR IMPLICATIONS

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