International Open Access Week 2017 runs from October 23rd-29th and aims to raise the visibility of open scholarship and accelerate research through events and campaigns. This year, the theme for International Open Access Week is ‘Open in order to…’

The initiative invites the Open Access community to answer the question of what concrete benefits can be realised by making scholarly outputs openly available, recognises the diverse contexts and communities within which the shift to Open Access is occurring, and encourages specific discussion that will be most effective locally. With this in mind, OASPA asked our members to answer the prompt ‘Open in order to…’. The diverse results, illuminating a wide range of reasons why the organisations we represent around the world work to make research openly accessible, can be found below.

“...enable authors to reach all their potential readers”
Knowledge Unlatched Research

“...engage business, civil society, government and the general public in a conversation with academia
...increase researchers’ accountability to the public
...move research into the public eye
...remove neo-colonial barriers to research and research findings”
Internet Policy Review
“...enhance reproducibility”
ReScience

“...improve access to scholarly work for the benefit of all”
University of Huddersfield Press

“...enhance reproducibility”
ReScience

“...educate the public about medical breakthroughs through trustworthy sources
...combat fake news by promoting the peer reviewed results of research”
eCancer

“...empower Africa’s people through access to knowledge”
AOSIS

“...drive down the cost of publication for the overall academic community
...improve transparency, quality, and trust in science
...improve our knowledge of the biological world and our changing climate and to identify working solutions for a sustainable future”
PeerJ
“...enable teachers to continuously develop their skills

...enable high school students to prepare for university

...enable healthcare professionals to catch up with the latest insights in their field of work”

KB – The National Library of the Netherlands

“...support research across the biological sciences. Being fully Open Access is a crucial part of our goal to provide a home and an audience for all scientifically sound research

...make disease research accessible to everyone. Being fully Open Access is key to making sure that the science we publish is available to all researchers in the disease and translational research fields, as well as to health professionals, policy makers, patients and their families”

Biology Open and Disease Models & Mechanisms, published by The Company of Biologists

“...ensure that the world belongs to all of us
...тако да свет припада свима нама”

Vojnotehnicki glasnik / Military Technical Courier
“...assure scientific quality through transparent interactive open-access publishing”

Copernicus Publications

“...support research equity. Researchers in low- and middle-income countries – just like researchers in high-income countries - need access to high-quality research in order to do good research themselves. Open access is also very important for developing-country researchers to communicate their research to peers, practitioners and policymakers in their country, who may otherwise have problems knowing about and accessing local research output, as well as to researchers in other parts of the world. At INASP, our focus is not so much on open access itself but on what that access enables. We hope that open access will play a role in a future where research and knowledge from all over the world will be able to help people wherever they are in the world”

INASP

“...enhance reproducibility, transparency and accountability, both for published research and publishing at large

...provide unprejudiced access to databases, the literature and information services and to further the impact of funder dollars

...accelerate the path forward to treatments and cures for cancer and rare diseases and to increase awareness of the acute relevance of climate change to the world’s biodiversity”

PLOS
“...further knowledge, accelerate research, and help the communities we work with achieve their aims”

Taylor & Francis

“...help scientists everywhere to accelerate discovery for the benefit of society

...help teachers, health professionals, technologists, journalists, scholars and everyone else with an interest in science to do their work

...increase engagement with science across the world”

eLife

“...make high-quality research available to readers around the world. We publish monographs and textbooks in all areas, and offer the academic excellence of a traditional press, with the speed, convenience and accessibility of digital publishing.

All our books are available to read for free online. We also publish bespoke Series for Universities and Research Centers and invite librarians to further Open Access publishing by joining our Membership Programme”

Open Book Publishers