

DIAMOND UNEARTHED

SHINING LIGHT ON COMMUNITY-DRIVEN
OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING

10 organisations working together
94 questions asked
1619 journals surveyed
7019 free text submissions collected



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Key findings

- ✓ A vast archipelago of relatively small journals exists and serves a wide range of communities
- ✓ OA diamond journals are on the road to full compliance with Plan S
- ✓ Scientific strengths and operational challenges exist in a mix of areas from legal structures to technical capabilities to editorial processes or funding models
- ✓ OA diamond journals largely depend on volunteers, universities and government to survive

Key recommendations

- ✓ Streamline technical support
- ✓ Ensure compliance with Plan S
- ✓ Build capacity
- ✓ Increase effectiveness
- ✓ Sustain and invest in the future



Kick-start actions

- Prepare an International Workshop and Symposium within 6 months to initiate a global conversation among different stakeholders
- Set up an OA diamond Funding Strategy within 1 year to implement funding recommendations
- Build the OA diamond Capacity Center within 2 years to support the implementation of recommendations