Scientific Committee for Social Sciences Calls for 'Diamond Engagement' around Open Access to High Quality Research Output

(Brussels, 13 July 2015) A new Opinion Paper has been published today by Science Europe's Scientific Committee for the Social Sciences.

The publication, entitled *'The Need for 'Diamond Engagement' around Open Access to High Quality Research Output',* addresses two audiences: scientists, especially those who have been traditionally more resistant to the OA approach, and policy makers. In it, the Scientific Committee for Social Sciences proposes a 'Diamond Engagement' concept with the three key principles: Partnership; Standardisation and Interoperability; and Enabling Structures.

In this publication, the Committee recognises the Open Access efforts that have been made to date by research funders, managers of digital repositories, researchers and end users of research, and invites them to undertake a co-ordinated cultural shift in engagement with access to resources, in order to make peer-reviewed articles available to a wider audience.

The Committee also aims to inspire policy makers to co-ordinate action on a number of practical initiatives related to OA and traceability, in order to incentivise funded researchers and their institutions to embrace OA and traceability infrastructures in a way that will enhance the influence of research funding on scholarship and other significant social and economic benefits to potential users outside of academia.

The paper can be downloaded at: http://scieur.org/7mksq

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