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**Dialog with Learned Societies:**

**Sustainable Solutions for Successful Transition to Open Access**

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## **BASEL SUSTAINABLE PUBLISHING FORUM**

Plan S is an initiative for Open Access publishing that was launched in September 2018. The plan is supported by an international consortium of research funders, named cOAlition S. Plan S requires that, as of 2021, all scientific publications resulting from public funding is published in compliant Open Access journals or platforms. While the principles and implementation guidelines have been clearly stated and updated recently, many concerns were raised, especially concerning the stability of the evaluation system and the stability of the research ecosystem.

At the center of these concerns are Learned societies which often strongly rely on publishing revenues to ensure the viability of all the activities done for their scientific communities. This dialog day aims to bring together representatives of Learned Societies to hear from them and understand the challenges that they are facing to transition/flip their journals to Open Access.

After getting the big picture from representatives of cOAlition S, we will hold open discussions with a broad range of stakeholders, including various publishers and publishing platforms. This will be a unique opportunity to share with and learn from other learned societies and help each Learned Society face its own challenges and identify sustainable and scalable solutions for successful Open Access transition.

The University of Basel and the MDPI Sustainability Foundation look forward to welcoming you in Basel!



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