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Utilising persistent identifiers to provide services for researchers and publishers - A spotlight on Africa

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ScienceOpen - using persistent identifiers as a vehicle to provide services for researchers and publishers - spotlight on Africa.



At AfricArXiv, we have been working with ScienceOpen since 2020 as one of our affiliate repositories, having set up a collection for African Languages and COVID-19 in Africa. You can easily request journal-independent Peer Review on your submitted works within their system. Stephanie will tell us what else they are doing to support African research dissemination.

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Utilising persistent identifiers to provide services for researchers and publishers in Africa

Speaker profiles

Stephanie Dawson

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Stephanie Dawson grew up in northern California and studied Biology at Yale University. She then worked at the labs of Susan Parkhurst at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle WA and Ralph Rupp at the MPG Friedrich Miescher Laboratory, Tübingen, Germany before changing fields and getting a PhD in German Literature from the University of Washington under Jane Brown. From 2001-2012 she worked in various positions at the academic publisher De Gruyter in Berlin in the fields of biology and chemistry in both journals and book publishing. In 2013 she took on the role of managing director for ScienceOpen GmbH in Berlin.

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Andrew Joseph is the Digital Publisher at Wits University Press, and his publishing experience has largely been in academic and reference publications. Andrew has worked with most major European and US academic publishers including Springer Nature, Macmillan, Elsevier, Taylor & Francis, Wiley, and SAGE. He is closely involved with standards development and implementation, especially for metadata, persistent identifiers (ORCID), and XML workflows for scholarly publishers, and serves on advisory boards and committees for Crossref, the Open Access Data Trust Exchange, CoalitionS and the ONIX International Steering Committee. Andrew currently serves as Chair of the Scholarly Publishers Committee for the Publishers Association of South Africa and chairs the South African National Metadata Users Group – a cross-industry metadata standards group.

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- Wits Journal of Clinical Medicine, <https://www.scienceopen.com/collection/a2c61bb1-e6ac-406c-b8ba-85a685e5b4a4>
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Q&A

Questions to Stephanie

- Which are the African journals and publishers currently indexed in ScienceOpen and using the platform?
- What are common challenges experienced that ScienceOpen can circumvent and remove with the platform you provide to scholarly publishers and journal editorial teams, particularly in Africa?

Questions to Andrew:

- How do you find partnering with services such as ScienceOpen makes your work at Wits University Press easier?
- What are the key features of ScienceOpen that you wouldn't want to miss?
- What other scholar digital services complement your work to make it more seamless and efficient?

About the webinar series

This webinar was co-organized by [UbuntuNet Alliance](#) and [Access 2 Perspectives](#) as part of the [ORCID Global Participation Program](#).

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