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Bob Boissy, Director of Account Dev.

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# Plan S

Plan S launch September 2018 with Deadline of January 1, 2020

February 2019 Springer Nature formally responds to cOAlition S

Please rethink the role of hybrid titles

We need to increase author and other funder's interest in OA publishing

Gloom & Doom from [Times Higher Education](#) for Future of Publishing

Plan S Revised Guidance May 31, 2019 with Deadline of January 1, 2021

<https://www.coalition-s.org/revised-implementation-guidance/>

## Latest Statement of Plan S Principles

**“With effect from 2021, all scholarly publications on the results from research funded by public or private grants provided by national, regional and international research councils and funding bodies, must be published in Open Access Journals, on Open Access Platforms, or made immediately available through Open Access Repositories without embargo.”**

# 10 Plan S Details

1. **Authors/Institutions Retain Copyright**
2. **Funders Develop Criteria for Quality OA Publishing**
3. **Funders Encourage New OA Outlets**
4. **Funders/Institutions, Not Authors, Fund OA Publishing**
5. **Funders Support Diverse, Transparent, Proportionate Business Models**
6. **All ScholComm Stakeholders Align Policies to New Transparency**
7. **Journals/Articles Come First, Books/Chapters Come Later**
8. **Hybrid Model is Transitional, Transformative Arrangements Supported**
9. **Compliance will be Monitored**
10. **Funder Consideration of Research Outputs Based on Intrinsic Merit**

## Steven Inchcoombe – Chief Publishing Officer of Springer Nature



**Steven is our Chief Spokesperson and Public Commentator on Plan S**

““We are and continue to be committed to the fastest and most effective route to immediate OA for all primary research and we welcome the inclusion by cOAlition S of some of our most recent feedback in their revised guidance.”

### **What He Requested and Received in the Revised Guidance**

- **An Extension of Time for us to Consider Options for our Currently Subscription Only Journals, e.g. Nature branded titles**
- **A Reconsideration of Strict Regulation of Article Processing Charge Caps**
- **A Compromise, Trading Regulation with Transparency, for APC Calculations**
- **Some Recognition of the Value of our (now 11) Transformative Read/Publish Deals**

## Concerns We Have

- **Combination of Green OA, Zero Embargo and CC BY License is Difficult**
- **The Speed of OA Funding and Author Uptake of the Model is Uncertain**
- **As of May 2019, only 10% of Research Funders were in cOAlition S**
- **What Will be the Effect of Plan S Review on Transformative Deal-Making?**
- **It Will be Very Hard to Switch all Hybrid Journals to Pure OA Journals in a Limited Time**
- **How to Get from Hybrid to Full OA when other Funder Uptake and Author Uptake is in the Equation and Uncertain?**



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# Finally

**A Reminder that our Academic Client Library Advisory Group Told us in 2018...**

**...To Remain Relevant and Viable as a Scholarly Publisher in the 2020's you will need to Embrace Open Access to the Fullest Extent Possible**

**Question: If You Put Yourself in Publisher Shoes, What Steps Would You Take to Continue Down the Open Access Path?**



# Off Line Questions Welcome

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