



Partnering with MDPI to Run Your Journal



Who We Are

MDPI (Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute) is an academic open access publisher based in Basel, Switzerland, and was initially founded in 1996 to collect and preserve rare chemical research samples. To support the samples project, MDPI started the journal *Molecules* (ISSN 1420-3049) the same year.

Since 1996, MDPI has grown into a publishing house with more than 320 diverse open access journals backed by over 84,200 academic editors. In 2020, MDPI published over 160,000 articles.

MDPI journals are indexed in the most prestigious venues: 96% of content is available in Web of Science, with 86 journals in Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) and a further 96 in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). 173 journals are included in Scopus and 78 in PubMed, including 16 in MEDLINE.

All our content is open access, distributed under a Creative Commons License, and hence freely accessible to readers. We finance publication through article processing charges (APC), paid by authors and their institutions. APCs charged by MDPI are highly competitive while enabling us to reinvest by supporting journals and launching services to support researchers.

As a member of COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics), STM (International Association of Scientific, Technical, and Medical Publishers) and OASPA (Open Access Scholarly Publication Association), MDPI enforces rigorous peer review and adheres to strict ethical policies and standards.

MDPI partners with more than 130 societies in a variety of ways to support scholarly communities and broaden the reach of open access.

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What We Offer

Over 25 years of open access publishing experience.

Professional editorial staff to give a high level of administrative support to each journal.

Rapid publication, standardized systems: a first decision was provided in 2020 in approximately 20 days; once accepted, papers are published in 5 to 10 days.

Capacity to manage large volumes of publications, with more than 160,000 articles published in 2020.

High visibility: 226.6 million page views in 2020 and optimized search and indexing.

Highly efficient in-house editorial production and professional in-house English editing.

Competitive Article Processing Charges (APC), typically between 1000 and 2000 CHF (Swiss Francs)

Our Core Values:
Simplicity, Sustainability, and Credibility

Services

MDPI offers flexible options for collaboration between your society and our publishing services.

1. Publish your existing open access journal with MDPI, or transition a subscription journal to open access

MDPI can act as your publishing partner and collaborate with you to make your open access journal a success. You will benefit from over 25 years' experience in running open access journals and the full support of our editorial and production teams, while maintaining full control over editorial decisions and content.

2. Establish a new journal

We have started over 320 open access journals in all disciplines and can bring this experience to launching your own journal. Our editorial staff will handle all of the technical aspects of the setup and support you in finding those all-important first manuscripts.

3. Provide publishing services through JAMS

Through our Journal and Article Management System (JAMS), we offer outsourced publishing services to support specific aspects of your publishing operation. Our services include a fully-functioned online submission website, professional production services, and customized journal websites.

4. Affiliate with an MDPI journal

Offer your society members the benefits of open access publishing without having to set up a full publishing operation, by affiliating with an existing MDPI journal. Society members enjoy a discount on the APC of the affiliated journal and can join the editorial board to contribute to running the journal while MDPI will handle all aspects related to publishing.

Features

Depending on the option you select, MDPI's services can include the following features. If you would like to discuss a specific option further, or if an option you are interested in is not listed here, please get in touch with us:

Conversion to Open Access

We can convert a subscription-based journal to open access, maintaining a high number of publications and a robust income.

Strategic Development of your Journal

A dedicated field-specific Managing Editor will support your organization and the Editor-in-Chief in the management of the journal by providing regular progress reports on the journal, conducting field-specific market research and competition analyses relevant to your journal, providing annual financial reports, and managing any accounting aspects related to the journal.

Editorial Handling of Manuscripts

Our trained and professional editorial staff take care of manuscript submissions, the peer review process, and post-acceptance production. MDPI provides editorial assistants to support administrative aspects of managing and running the journal, including inviting reviewers, corresponding with authors, and requesting editorial decisions from Editorial Board Members. We ensure that you maintain full editorial control.

Professional Production Services

Our in-house production team handles copy-editing, English editing, conversion to and tagging of full-text and XML versions, and professional production of PDF versions for online publication. We can handle submissions created in Microsoft

Word or LaTeX. We create attractive, readable articles with fast production times.

Fast Editorial Procedure

In 2020, across all articles published by MDPI, the average time for a first editorial decision was 20 days and the average time from submission to publication was 35 days. Due to our infrastructure, internal organization, and large team of editorial support staff, MDPI maintains one of the fastest and most straightforward procedures in the industry.

Fast and Easy-to-Use Platform

As well as hosting journals, www.mdpi.com incorporates an electronic submission and reviewing system, including a workflow from manuscript submission to editorial processing (peer review, revisions, decision-making), copy-editing and proofreading, XML conversion, author invoicing, and final publication. The platform is linked with a growing number of services, including TrendMD, Altmetric, and CrossRef.

High Visibility

We offer high visibility for your publications by listing them in the search results at www.mdpi.com, which currently attracts over 18 million monthly page views and over 6 million monthly PDF downloads (comprising the primary content of over 320 open access research journals, as well as content from electronic conferences at www.sciforum.net). A high ranking on Google

and other major search engines is essential, so we ensure full-text indexing and search engine optimization by Google.

Automated Metadata Exchange

MDPI will automatically register DOIs (Digital Object Identifiers) with Crossref for all published items, as well as automatically depositing published items into the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), PubMed, and other relevant databases.

Indexing and Abstracting Services

MDPI works with over 80 indexing and abstracting services, and will arrange all articles to be evaluated in the leading and domain-specific indexing and abstracting databases, ensuring that publications reach the widest audience of scholars. Databases include the Web of Science™ suite of indexes, Scopus, PubMed, Chemical Abstracts and many others.

Marketing and Promotion of the Journal

Promotion and marketing activities for the journal, such as conference sponsorship, digital marketing and stakeholder communication at conferences, flyers, and newsletters.

Conferences Organization

MDPI has the infrastructure and expertise to organize conferences. Societies, organizations, or individuals have the possibility to organize its own conferences using the MDPI infrastructure. You can see examples of previously organized conferences at sciforum.net/conferences.

Long-Term Preservation

MDPI will take care of the long-term archiving of your publications by depositing a full copy in the Swiss National Library electronic collection (a-Helvetica) and CLOCKSS. MDPI is a member of

the Open Archives Initiative (OAI), which enables the distribution of additional copies of publications to university archives around the world. Authors are also encouraged to self-archive the final version of their published articles into institutional repositories (such as those listed in the Directory of Open Access Repositories).

Hosting the Journal Back-File

MDPI can host your journal back-file online on its platform, so that all Volumes and Issues of the journal are searchable from the same location.

Retaining Ownership

Your organization can retain full ownership of your journals. MDPI operates the publication process on your behalf. Other models are possible and can be discussed.

Income

MDPI can take care of the whole invoicing process, collecting article processing charges and paying you or your organization on a quarterly, or half-yearly basis. Alternatively, we can offer a pricing mechanism where you will be billed for the number of manuscripts processed and published on your behalf, while you or your organization retain control of the billing. MDPI is open to negotiate terms and conditions.

High-Quality Reprints

MDPI offers high-quality, on-demand reprints of any article, Volume or Special Issue to authors and readers of a journal. Special Issues can also be published in book format and be made available on demand.

Reviewer Benefits

MDPI has a partnership with Publons to recognize the important work of reviewers. Reviewers

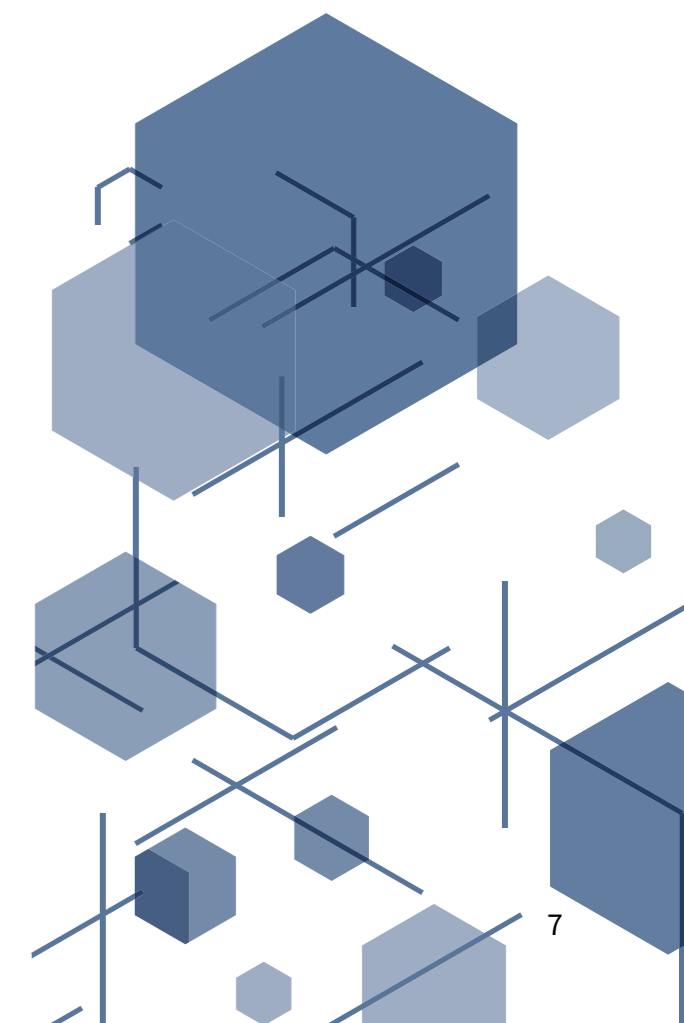
can opt in to get credit when reviewing for MDPI journals. Publons provides a number of benefits to reviewers, including generating certificates attesting the reviewers experience, and managing data and links to other services such as ORCID. MDPI also offers vouchers (a discount on the publication fee) to reviewers and publishes a reviewer acknowledgement every year.

Membership Discounts

MDPI offers institutional affiliations for universities and their libraries, enabling their authors to benefit from discounts on publication charges and information sharing with the institution. MDPI has a very flexible, non-binding agreement, which makes it attractive and we currently have over 600 such agreements. In addition, MDPI notifies the institutions about submissions and published papers and can arrange central payment.

Optional Services

We can discuss and accommodate any other specific needs required by an organization.



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