Emancipation from the burdens of scholarly publishing -
the diamond alternative of the JYU Studies

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/ One of the top universities in Finland
/ Student recruitment across Finland and internationally
/ Rector Jari Ojala
/ A 160-year history (Teacher Seminary in 1863)
/ Unique campus near the city centre
Open Science Centre

- Established in 2017
- Jyväskylä University Library
- Jyväskylä University Museum
- Large diverse collections open for all
- Open Science Services
- Research Services
- Publishing Services
- Analytics and metrics
- Science education for kids, citizens, students, researchers and staff
- 70 people working for the University’s success
Publishing services

- OSC records research publications to JYU’s research information system (Converis) ~3500 publications per year
- OSC self-archives publications to JYU’s OA repository JYX (jyx.jyu.fi)
  - Over 80% of all research articles are self-archived
- Support with OA publishing fees and guidance for publishing
- OSC publishes JYU Dissertations, JYU Reports series, and a monograph series JYU Studies
- Promotion of OA policies and development of OA services
Well-known burdens in scholarly publishing

- Questionable assessment of researchers based on publication channels
- Questionable prestige of publication channels
- Increasing costs of open access publishing
- Inadequate sustainable funding for OA
A few ways to emancipate

• Offering diamond OA alternatives
• Offering agile services for researchers (developed with researchers)
• Academic community takes back more control of scholarly publishing
• Reforming the research(er) assessment
Case JYU Studies and JYU Reports

JYU Studies

• A Diamond OA monograph series
• Small but agile
  – So far two monographs, the third just coming out (in Finnish)
• Close to researchers
• Promoting diversity of publications

JYU Reports

• For quick and easy reporting of research results
• Almost 30 publications in under two years
Our OA Services - Publishing

• Implementing the publishing policy of the University of Jyväskylä
• Support for authors and other JYU publishers
• Institutional repository JYX
  – Key infrastructure of research and education in the University of Jyväskylä
  – Upgrading (soon): DSpace+VuFind = a platform for publishing and a showcase for university’s research (outputs)
  – High-quality metadata
  – Usable formats (PDF is for archiving!)
• JYU OA Publishing
Our services – impact and evaluation

• Exploring the impact of publications
  – NOT impact factors or other journal based metrics
• Help researchers and their evaluators to understand responsible metrics
  – CoARA: Abandon inappropriate uses in research assessment of journal- and publication-based metrics, in particular inappropriate uses of Journal Impact Factor (JIF) and h-index
• OSCsolutions – tools to support research and research evaluation:
  https://oscsolutions.cc.jyu.fi/
Our goals

• More than an open access publisher and more than a support service
• Active agent on developing scholarly publishing
  – Scholarly publishing as a common and shared responsibility
  – You don’t have to be a big player to make a change
  – The key is to work closely together with researchers
• All for the sake of Open Science!