

ANNUAL REPORT

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**A YEAR OF COLLECTIVE RESOLVE  
AND GROWING MOMENTUM**

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**PREREVIEW**



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# Open preprint reviews. **For all researchers.**

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Welcome to our Annual Report, a showcase of the commitment to our values, our achievements and progress throughout the year.



# Our Mission guides us

# Our Values ground us

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## **PREreview's mission is to bring more equity, openness, and transparency to scholarly peer review.**

We support and empower communities of experts, particularly those at early stages of their career and those who have been historically excluded, to review preprints and now datasets in a process that is rewarding to them.

- We design and develop **open-source infrastructure** to enable constructive feedback to preprints and datasets at a point in time in which it is needed.
- We **develop peer-review resources** and **train** the next generation of socially-conscious manuscript and grant reviewers.
- We **partner with like-minded organizations** to organize events, run programs, and work together to create rewarding review experiences for all researchers.

The ultimate transformation we are seeking is a world where **knowledge is no longer controlled by the few, but held in trust by the many**—a scholarly ecosystem rooted in care, where power is shared, truth is co-created, and every voice is honored as essential to our collective understanding of the world.

## **Our values are integral to how and why we do this work.**

We value **equity** and **openness**. Equity recognizes that there are people with different resources and barriers, and therefore need more or less support to reach the same level of access. Openness is making sure that the resources and tools we produce are available and accessible to everyone. To us, equity and openness are two inextricable ingredients needed to bring positive, transformative change to how research is shared and evaluated. Without centering equity, approaches that solely focus on openness risk recapitulating the same oppressive systems and practices that have dominated scholarship for centuries.

We value **collaboration** and **co-creation**. Our work is limited by the perspectives, expertise, and experiences we have as a team, and our ideas are influenced by the communities with which we are most closely connected. We actively seek opportunities to collaborate and co-create resources with value-aligned groups and organizations.

We value **plurality**. We believe there are multiple ways to build an equitable and open future of scholarly communication. The change we seek cannot—and should not—be driven by any one individual, organization, or sector alone. It must be rooted in relationship and shaped through collective imagination.



# Meet the PREreview Team

## Staff



Vanessa Fairhurst  
Head of Community



Daniela Saderi, Ph.D.  
Co-Founder, Executive  
Director



Chad Sansing  
Head of Product

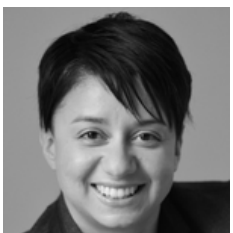


María Pía Tavella, Ph.D.  
Communications and  
Engagement Officer



Chris Wilkinson  
Head of Technology

## Advisory Committee



Monica Granados, Ph.D.  
Co-Founder, AC Member  
and Co-Chair



Samantha Hindle, Ph.D.  
Co-Founder, AC Member  
and Secretary



Christopher S. Marcum, Ph.D.  
AC Chair



Aurelia Munene  
AC Member



Krsiten Ratan  
AC Member

In December, we were thrilled to welcome **Dr. María Pía Tavella** as our new Communications and Engagement Officer. With a background in anthropology and years of experience as a science communicator and educator, Pía brings deep care, curiosity, and a strong sense of commitment to her work. With her on the team, we're excited to grow clearer, more timely, and more intentional in how we connect and communicate with our community.



# Milestones

## 2025

**February:** We reaffirmed our values and commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility

**March:** We hosted our first community design sprint about how to build a dataset review workflow on PREreview.org

**April:** We announced 23 2025 Champions and begun a 6-month program to equip them with the tools and resources to act as community multipliers

**September:** We celebrated our first localization and translation milestone

**October:** We launched our new community co-designed dataset review workflow on PREreview.org

**January:** We shared our reflections on the past year and published our 2024 Annual Report

**February:** We shared our learnings from our collaboration with JMIR Publication in running Live Reviews

**April:** We announced a new COAR Notify integration with Preprints.org enabling preprint authors to solicit community feedback

**June:** We kicked off our community-driven localization and translation campaign to translate and localize PREreview.org into Latin American Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese

**September:** We were awarded a grant to spearhead a new collaboration with four other leading organizations in the space of open scholarship

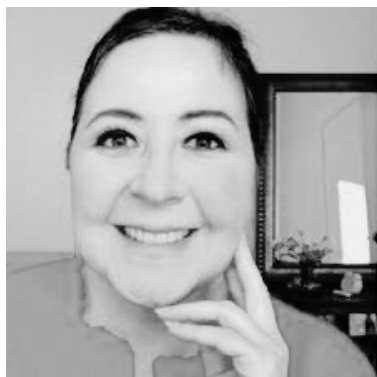
**November:** We wrapped up the 2025 Champions Program and began recruiting our 2026 Champions



# Nada sobre nosotrxs

## Sin nosotrxs

In 2025, we strengthened our commitment to lowering barriers for researchers to meaningfully engage with preprint review—recognizing that a justice-oriented approach to innovation in scholarly publishing requires close, trusting collaboration with communities around the world. As part of this effort, we translated and localized PREreview.org and key resources into **Latin American Spanish** and **Brazilian Portuguese**, guided by community feedback.



“The approach PREreview has taken to bring greater equity to the peer review process—and specifically to the translation and localization of PREreview.org—closely aligns with the popular slogan used for decades by advocates in the Disability Justice movement, ‘Nothing About Us Without Us.’ This slogan underscores the importance of closely involving the communities most impacted by the inequalities we seek to address. In this process, members are not mere spectators or participants, they inform the work and have a leading role in it.

**Noemi González-Rocha**

CEO, A Simple Translation

# PREreview in Numbers

634

**NEW PREreviews** this year, pushing us past **1,600!**

965

**NEW PREreviewers** this year, pushing us past **4,000!**

31

**Preprint repositories** connected to our platform

3,235

**NEW review requests** and 240 reviews published in response (7.4% of all requests)

98

Preprint reviews published in **Portuguese or Spanish**

2,733

**Newsletter subscribers**

50+

**Countries** represented in our community

800+

Trained peer reviewers via Open Reviewers workshops

750+

Community **Slack members**

45

**PREreview Clubs**, with 315 collaborative reviews published

16K+

**Downloads** across our 33 review **resources** on Zenodo, including >2000 in non-English languages

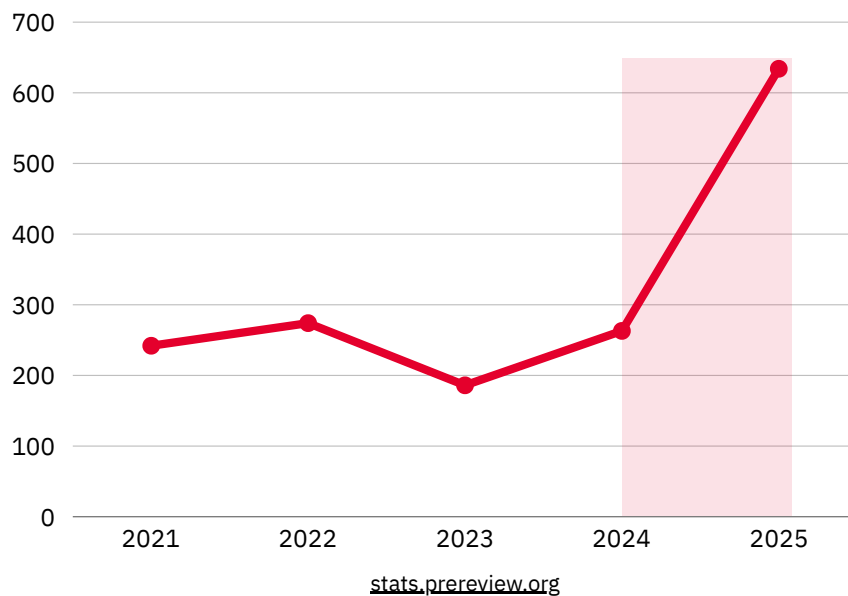
\$120K

Raised in **contract revenue**

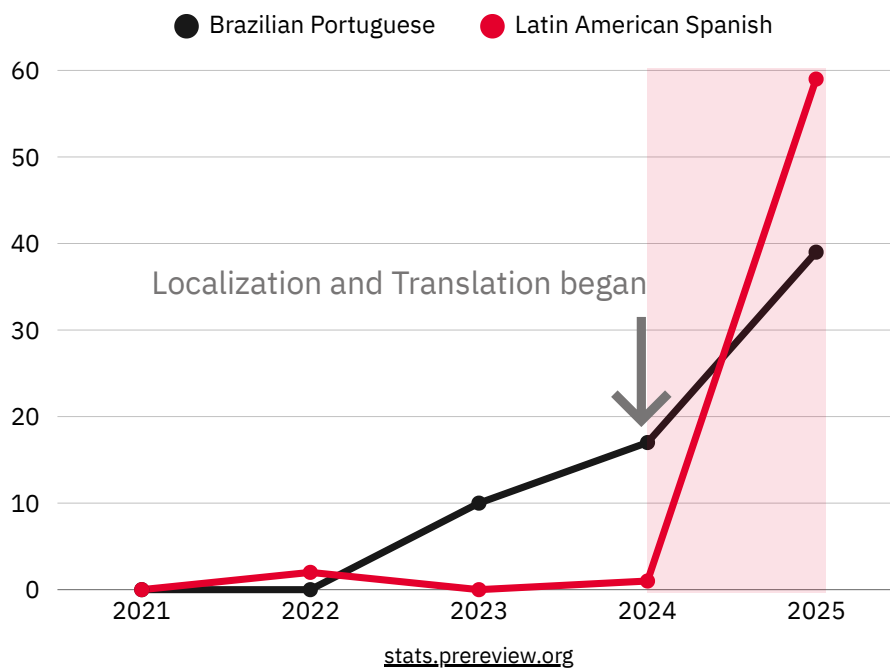




PREreviews over time



PREreviews in Portuguese and Spanish over time



Preprint reviews over time



# Stories from PREreview Club Leads



Roseline Dzekem Dine is the founder of the **Review and Curate Network**, an organization that aims to foster a collaborative and transparent environment for the evaluation, validation, and organization of preprints. Roseline is also a PREreview Champion and Mentor, and has co-led one of the [most active PREreview Clubs publishing 49 preprint reviews](#) in the past year!

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*I feel most fulfilled when I am in spaces where I am making a meaningful impact on the lives of others. Championing the Review and Curate Network for over a year has embodied this purpose. Together with my brilliant colleagues, we have organized training sessions that both foster learning and serve our audience, taken the initiative to train others to become effective reviewers, and applied diverse strategies to reviewing preprints.*

**Roseline Dzekem Dine**

(on behalf of the Review and Curate Network)

Founder of the Review and Curate Network, PREreview Champion



Rosario Roger-Salazar is a PREreview Champion and Mentor, and Co-Lead of the **Club Comunidad Iberoamericana de Ciencia Abierta (CIbCA)**. In just a few months, the club members [collaboratively reviewed 47 conference abstracts](#) submitted to the II Ibero-American Conference on Open Science, thereby pioneering a new use of PREreview to publicly review conference content.

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*In 2025, PREreview strengthened its presence in Latin America thanks to the collaborative efforts of the region's 2025 Champions cohort members. Key milestones include the launch of the CIbCA PREreview Club on October 17, 2025, as well as a hybrid open peer review workshop and plenary conference held during the II Ibero-American Conference on Open Science. These activities created concrete opportunities for open science communities across Latin America to explore the tools and values of PREreview. The strong response is evident in the rapid integration of 13 PREreviews in the first weeks after the Club's launch, reflecting a highly engaged and participatory community.*

**Rosario Roger-Salazar, Ph.D.**

Professor at Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México, PREreview Champion



# A Word from Our Collaborators



PREReview represents the kind of community-driven innovation that's essential for the future of research communication. Their commitment to training and empowering early-career researchers and academics from underrepresented regions to participate meaningfully in peer review supports our vision of making preprint infrastructure more inclusive and interoperable. At openRxiv, we value working with PREReview because they're not just expanding the pool of reviewers, they're broadening the idea of what peer review can be: more accessible, available, and aligned with the collaborative spirit that moves science forward. As we continue building connections between preprints and diverse review options, PREReview's work in creating pathways for more participation is invaluable to the broader ecosystem we're all working to strengthen together.

**Tracy Teal, Ph.D.**

CEO, openRxiv



In a modular, continuous science ecosystem, peer review can no longer be an afterthought. PREReview's commitment to equity, openness, and community leadership deeply aligns with the mission of the Continuous Science Foundation. In 2026, our joint working group will bring the community together to rethink peer review as a modular, ongoing process—one that is transparent, creditable, and community-driven; values contributions beyond the paper; and recognizes review as essential scholarly work designed for how research actually happens today.

**Rowan Cockett**

Co-founder, Continuous Science Foundation



# Looking Ahead

## How You can Help

In 2026, we will continue to expand our global and community-driven ecosystem for open peer review, alongside increasing pathways of engagement for non-traditional groups—such as patient and student groups, building upon our infrastructure for modular peer review, and further amplifying and uplifting the voices of our community members.

Specifically, we look forward to:

- Running our **third PREreview Champions cohort** to support community champions to engage others around the world in participating in open peer review. This will incorporate a **new mentorship component** that engages our alums.
- Continue to **lower language barriers** by localizing and translating our platform and resources into **French and Arabic**.
- **Partnering with patient and patient-advocate organizations** to include more expert practitioners and experts with lived experience in the preprint review process.
- **Diversifying the types of early research outputs** reviewable on prereview.org.
- Offering value-aligned organizations the opportunity become **organizational members** to support our work and deepen our collaborations.

As always, we welcome any feedback, comments, or questions about our work this year and plans for 2026 and beyond!

Drop us an email at [community@prereview.org](mailto:community@prereview.org) or alternatively:

- You can give us your feedback or share ideas on the [PREreview Community Slack](#)
- You can follow us on [BlueSky](#), [Mastodon](#), and [LinkedIn](#)
- You can also [subscribe to our newsletter](#) if you haven't already
- [Schedule a user research interview](#) with Head of Product Chad Sansing—whenever possible, we compensate interviewees

We're excited to learn with you and share your contributions to open preprint review and other early research outputs throughout the new year!



# Gratitude, Collaboration, and **Ongoing Partnership with You**

**With deep gratitude, we thank our community members, partners, funders, and all those who believe that a more open and equitable future for scholarly evaluation is not only possible, but achievable.** Your trust, collaboration, and generosity sustain our work and strengthen our resolve to foster meaningful, lasting change. Together, we are building a scholarly ecosystem where openness, equity, and shared responsibility are central to how research is assessed.

Thank you for standing with PREreview on this journey!



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