

## **Commentary on Plan S Guidance Proposal for Coalition S-funded Research**

### **Submitted by International Society of Protistology (ISOP)**

- Although the fundamental goals of moving Open Access forward match ISOP objectives, the present implementation guidelines for the Plan S proposal are somewhat restrictive and presently lack details about implementation specifics, Next steps and further elaboration on the suggested guidelines must take into account potential impacts on researchers, societies, journals and publishers.
- Plan-S could work against societies like ISOP where the Journal (JEM) is the main source of income for the Society. Also, it will be very expensive for authors in the absence of external funding to pay the charges for OA. With time the submission of preprints may be accepted as a way to comply with OA although this is not yet contemplated by Coalition S planners.
- Because Coalition S-funded research would be required to be published in “compliant” OA journals and platforms by 2020, researchers with limited funding might not be able to choose JEU as a place to share findings.
  - The pool of journal choices for grantees may become more limited
  - Higher publishing costs could become an impediment for young researchers, especially those in some geographical regions
  - Adapting the compliance requirements might change the Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology in ways not aligned with the International Society of Protistologists (ISOP) objectives