

Preliminary feedback on the proposed Plan S Implementation from the American Ceramic Society

The American Ceramic Society (ACerS) is glad to have this opportunity to provide feedback to cOAlition S on the proposed Plan S implementation. This statement represents preliminary thoughts of the ACerS publications staff. We have not had sufficient time to reach consensus among the Society leadership but wanted to make sure you were aware of our intent to participate in this process.

The mission of the American Ceramic Society is founded on distributing knowledge of all aspects of ceramic and glass research, development, manufacturing and deployment as broadly as possible. Our membership-driven society prides itself on being a key communications channel for the ceramic and glass community.

The ACerS journals are considered among the leading publications within each's scope of operation. We achieve this by having editors who are world-recognized experts in their fields of research and who have made connections with expert reviewers throughout their careers. It is our elite teams that lead to the enduring quality of the articles published in our journals, evidenced by long citation half-lives as measured by Clarivate's Journal Citation Reports.

Our ability to support of our industry depends heavily on our journals. Access to the journals is a key benefit to our members and the content contained in them are highly valued by global research, development and commercialization communities. The revenue generated by the journals supports not only the publication of the journals but also the greater mission of the Society. Thus we are very concerned with several of the efforts of cOAlition S that have the potential to affect our journal processes and greatly reduce revenue. These include capping the article processing charges and disallowing publication in hybrid or mirror journals.

We wish to continue participating in shaping Plan S implementation strategies so that it meets the needs of authors, audience, funders, publishers, societies and all scholarly publishing stakeholders. We look forward to future opportunities to share our insights.