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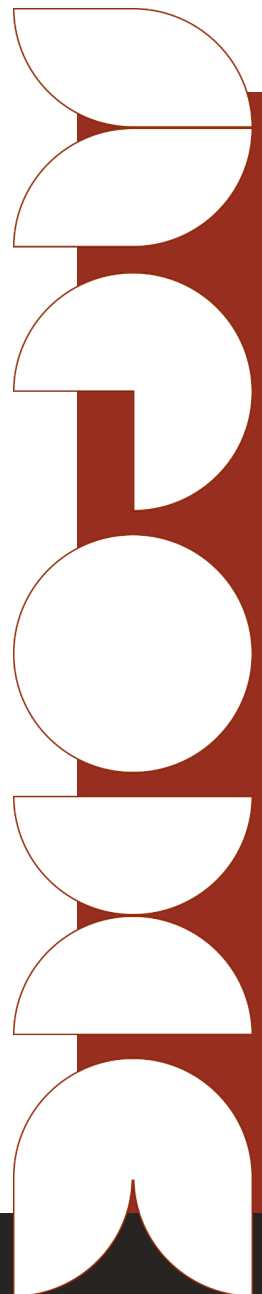
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A year in review

I'm proud to share these highlights of a very special year at DOAJ. During 2023 we have both celebrated significant milestones and continued to develop our organisation and service to keep pace with the changing landscape.

2023 marked twenty years since Lars Bjørnshauge launched DOAJ with just over 300 titles at Lund University Library. Since then DOAJ has grown to become a global index and a service relied upon by librarians, researchers, funders and publishers worldwide. Through our two decades of serving as a trusted open infrastructure, we have maintained our commitment to promoting equity and diversity in scholarly communications. Our anniversary webinar series that ran throughout the year has been a great opportunity to reflect with our community on what global, open and trusted means today. During 2023, we also reached the milestone of 20,000 journals in the index, and through our new "journal stories" series, we have celebrated the unique voices and perspectives they represent.

Amidst all these festivities we continued our core work of reviewing and evaluating the many journal applications we receive each month, and our global team of dedicated volunteers and experienced Managing Editors added almost 2000 new titles to the index. Our journal evaluation is only one element of our commitment to standards in journal publishing, and we were proud to launch two new collaborative initiatives during the year that champion and promote best practice: the Open Access Journals Toolkit and the PLACE (Publishers Learning and Community Exchange).

Sustainability remains a core focus for DOAJ, and we continue to invest in our systems and processes to ensure we respond to the needs of our diverse community. DOAJ is dependent on community contributions to sustain our service, and in 2023 we took the opportunity to review and publish new models for publishers and for libraries and institutions. This will enable us to continue serving the global scholarly community for years to come.

We look forward to working with our diverse, global community in 2024 to enhance the visibility, impact and reputation of even more quality open access journals worldwide.

Joanna Ball
Managing Director
DOAJ



DOAJ highlights 2023

By 31st December 2023, DOAJ had...

20,294

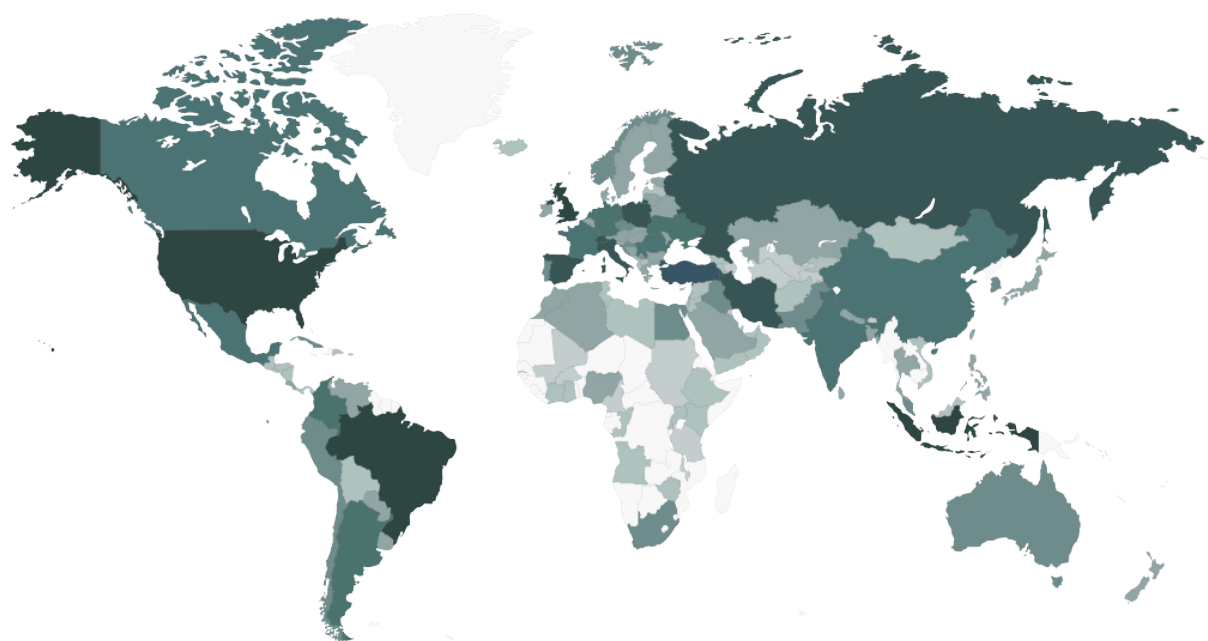
journals indexed

135

countries represented

80

languages represented



Map representing publisher countries of journals indexed in DOAJ.

22.1 M

Website visits
in 2023

1.6 M

Hits on DOAJ
journal search page
in 2023

Data collected 31st December 2023. Please note that DOAJ is a live database, with journals both being added and removed based on review of new and existing content. This means current data will likely be different, and continue to change.

The year in numbers

7,926

Applications received

4,126

Update requests received

1,926

Applications accepted

24%

Applications accepted

12

Editorial Staff

114

Volunteer Editors and Associate Editors



Judith Barnsby
Head of Editorial

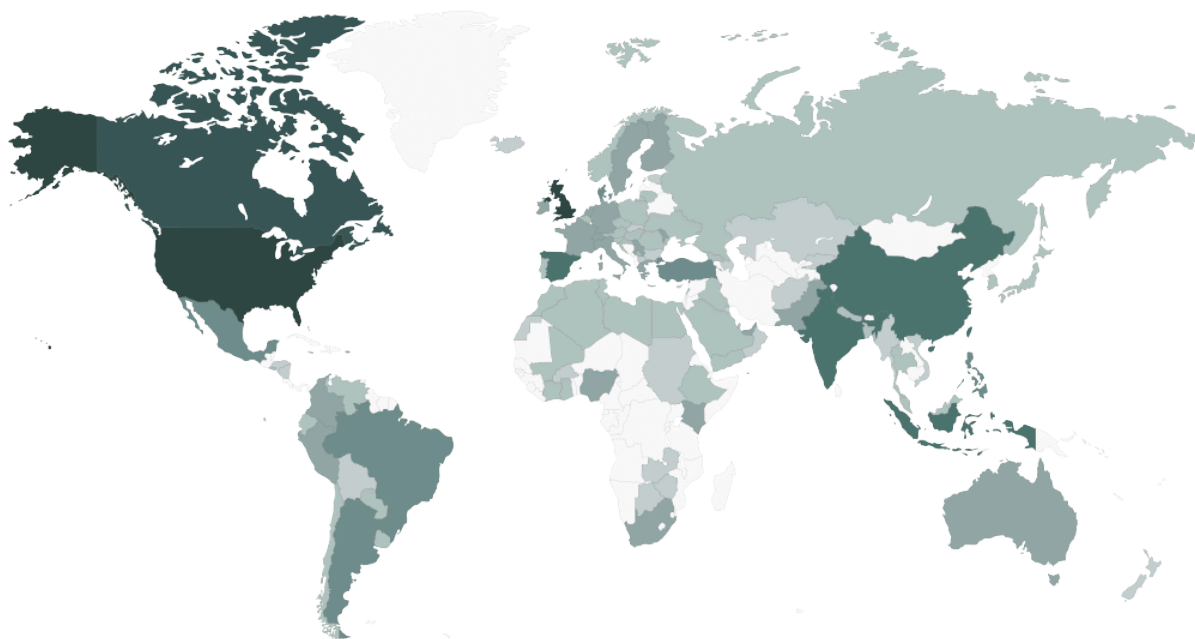
“ DOAJ continues to receive thousands of applications every year. In 2023, the editorial team handled around 10,000 applications and updates, with an average turnaround time of 3 months. We added editorial expertise in Spanish, French and Turkish to the core team, and benefited from the help of over 100 volunteer editors around the world. Our guide to applying was updated with new or revised criteria, and we added new guidance on special issues. ”

DOAJ at 20

2023 marked the 20th anniversary of DOAJ, and we celebrated with three events on the themes of Open, Global and Trusted. These events had speakers from all over the world join to discuss important topics within open access and scholarly communications. The recording of all events can be found on on YouTube.



The three DOAJ at 20 events had more than 1500 registrations from 105 countries.



Map showing the distribution of registrations to all three DOAJ at 20 events.

We also launched a new blog series, Journal Stories, where we interview journals that are indexed in DOAJ to learn more about their history, their challenges and their views on open access.

Overall, 2023 was a year of celebrating not only DOAJ, but our whole community.

Ambassador Programme

Our Ambassador Programme turned 7 years in 2023. We currently have 21 Ambassadors from around the world, who focus on increasing the diversity of journals indexed in DOAJ and work with local journals to help prepare journal applications and advise on good practice in open access publishing. In 2023, Ambassadors attended and presented at 61 events globally.

We are extremely grateful to our Ambassadors and all the work they do to support our global community.

“Becoming an Ambassador for DOAJ opens up networking opportunities, adds colleagues who are equally passionate about managing scientific journals, and assist journals onto the proper journal management.”



Ikhwan Arief

DOAJ Ambassador Indonesia



Gimena del Rio Riande

DOAJ Ambassador Latin America

“Being a DOAJ Ambassador means being part of a community that supports openness, equity, and diversity.”

“Being a DOAJ Ambassador, I feel is both a responsibility and an honour. More and more editors and publishers of academic journals in China are wanting to join DOAJ, and welcome conversations. DOAJ has played a good role in promoting and safe guarding the reputation of open access publishing. Of course, I also bring questions from China back to DOAJ so that everyone can better understand each other.”



Shuai Yan

DOAJ Ambassador China

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Publishing Learning And Community Exchange (PLACE)

PLACE was set up by Crossref, COPE, OASPA and DOAJ to give the publishing community an online forum ask questions, find solutions and connect with others.

Open Access Journals Toolkit

The OA Journals Toolkit was launched in June 2023 by DOAJ and OASPA to support the community of new and established open access journals. Since its launch the website has received over 11,000 views, and the toolkit has been translated into French and Arabic!

JASPER (JournAIS are Preserved forever)

Did you know that journals can disappear from the internet forever? JASPER is a cross-industry collaboration by CLOCKSS, DOAJ, Internet Archive, The Keepers Registry and Public Knowledge Project (PK) to help open access journals be preserved long-term. This means In 2023, JASPER reached a milestone of over 100 ZIP files of content sent from journals to be archived.

DIAMAS and CRAFT OA

In 2023, we continued working with partner in the DIAMAS and CRAFT-OA initiatives. DOAJ contributed through creating and distributing a survey, and to develop Extensible Quality Standard for Institutional Publishing (EQSIP). In the CRAFT-OA project, DOAJ participated in two significant reports in its first year: one on standards for best publishing practices aligned with FAIR principles and another addressing challenges and support measures for open access journals and platforms.



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promoting
supporting
applying to
advocating for
contributing to
teaching others about

