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Thank you for participating in our survey.

DOAJ has commissioned Gold Leaf to consult with the community to ensure that the data collected by the service is relevant, necessary, and useful. All global stakeholders and users of DOAJ, regardless of location, are encouraged to participate in the survey.

The directory indexes more than 20,400 journals. A journal's entry in the directory may contain up to 43 different pieces of data, including 15 links, that have been checked and verified by hand. With this consultation, DOAJ would like to review how to maximise its impact with limited resources.

Gold Leaf will collect feedback with the survey and then follow up with individual interviews for a select group of volunteers. The survey should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. A PDF version of the questions is available for download.

DOAJ and Gold Leaf will publicly share the headline results from this consultation and email them to each participant who has asked for them.

All information provided will be treated with the strictest confidence. Neither you nor your organisation will be identified in the report or other outputs from the survey. DOAJ will store any optional personal data collected following its Privacy Policy. We will delete all personal data once we have completed this project.

The survey will close on Friday, 6 May 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Annika Bennett, Linda Bennett or Brigitte Shull.

Thank you for contributing to the improvement of DOAJ!

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Section A: About you

1. Which country are you in?

2. Which group of users do you belong to? (Select one that best describes how you use DOAJ the most.)

- Researcher
- Librarian
- Publisher
- Professional Organisation
- Infrastructure and Services provider
- Funder
- Other (please specify)

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3. [*Publishers only*] How many journals have you indexed in DOAJ?

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SECTION B: Your use of DOAJ

4. In fewer than three sentences, what is your main reason for using DOAJ?

5. Which of these words best describes DOAJ? Please rank by importance.

- Trust
- Transparency
- Quality
- Integrity
- Reliability of information
- Comprehensiveness
- User-friendliness
- Under pressure
- Uncompromising
- Inflexible
- Slow
- Other (please specify)

6. When using a journal page on DOAJ, I am mostly interested in finding out: (please choose all that apply)

- Information on charges
- Information about the journal, such as Aims and Scope, Editorial Board, Instructions for authors
- The time from submission to publication
- Licensing and/or copyright information
- Information about the publisher or other organisation connected to the journal
- If the journal content is preserved and uses DOIs
- The subject classification and keywords for a journal
- If the journal allows authors to deposit a copy of their work in a repository

7. DOAJ displays supporting links alongside some of the information that they collect. Is it useful to have a direct link for this information within the record?

	Should not be included	Not important	Important	Essential	No opinion
Link to a journal's open access statement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Link to a journal's peer review policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Link to a journal's plagiarism policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Link to a journal's Aims & Scope	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Link to a journal's Editorial Board	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Link to a journal's instructions for authors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Link to the repository policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Link to the preservation and archiving information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Link to article with embedded licence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Can you think of any other information included in DOAJ journal entries that you believe to be unnecessary?

9. The DOAJ Seal is awarded to some journals. What does the DOAJ Seal mean to you?

Please check all that apply

- The journal has high editorial standards
- The journal is a trustworthy journal
- The journal is better than non-Seal journals
- The journal complies with technical standards
- The journal is published by a commercial corporation
- The Seal doesn't hold any significance for me
- Other (please specify)

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SECTION C: How DOAJ remains relevant

10. Should DOAJ index journals where all original research is open access but other content in an issue is closed?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

11. DOAJ have received suggestions to include *new journal information* and would like your opinion on their relevance.

	Should not be included	Not important	Important	Essential	No opinion
If the journal supports the use of permanent identifiers (PIDs) such as ORCID, ROR IDs (including Funder IDs) or ISNI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If the journal has open citations (I4OC)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More detailed information on different types of APC models, eg price ranges, per article type, optional, pay what you can	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If the journal is community-owned*	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If there is a statement of editorial independence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If the name of the editor responsible for peer review is published	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If the journal accepts submissions of preprints	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If peer review reports are made public	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*community-owned means that the institutional publisher is owned by the scholarly community, i.e. a scholarly organisation, and not by a commercial publisher.

Comments

12. DOAJ have received suggestions to include *information about different journal policies* and would like your opinion on their relevance.

	Should not be included	Not important	Important	Essential	No opinion
Open data policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open research policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policy on the use of AI for content generation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diversity and inclusion policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

13. As far as you know, is there any metadata missing from DOAJ that could improve the interoperability with other open access services?

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SECTION D: ...and finally

14. Is there anything else you would like to add?

15. As a part of this consultation, we are planning to conduct semi-structured interviews and we would appreciate your participation.

Please indicate if

- you are happy to take part in a semi-structured interview.
- you would like to receive the headline results of the survey.

If you have agreed to any of the above, please add your name, email address and job title** here, so we can send you the information.

**We will not store nor share your details and will not contact you about anything other than the agreed purpose above.