Making it viable: Enabling Open Access for Finnish scholarly journals

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Aims

• The Finnish OA journals have sustainable funding

• The Finnish journals meet the requirements of domestic and international readers, authors and research funders in an open environment

• The impact of Finnish science and scholarship grows

• Two subprojects
  • Improving technical infrastructure by developing the OJS platform of the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies (FFLS, started September 2015)
  • Developing a funding model for Finnish OA journals (National Library, started March 2016)

• Project funding from the Open Science and Research project of the Ministry of Education and Culture
OJS – Current situation
Developing Open Journal Systems of FFLS

**Technical infrastructure**
- DOI, ORCID – support
- ARTO, DOAJ – API, support
- Creative Commons – support

**Appearance**
- Responsive layout
- Eye candy
- Branding: name, logo, domain name

**System development**
- New Finnish translation, hosted at github
- Solving system deficiencies and bugs
- Documentation for user-statistics and article-level metrics

**Maintenance**
- Agreements with journals
- Solutions for long-term preservation
- Internal documentation for maintenance, updates and technical support

**Foci**
Journal Funding: Current Situation
Journal Funding: Pursued situation
How to get there?

Outlining a model based on a consortium
- Surveying current OA funding models
- Proposition for a Finnish solution
  - Funders
  - System and its maintenance
  - Price of an article in the system

Estimating the funding needed in the system
- Estimate based on the current publishing expenses (source: the applications for the government subsidy)
- Estimate of the savings due to the abolishing a printed version and due to the improvements of OJS

Discussions between publishers and funders
- Motivating and committing potential funders
- Motivating and committing publishers to new practices and quality requirements

Piloting
- 10–15 volunteering journals
- Funding from foundations and other sources
Other news from the Finnish OA situation

• Open Science and Research
  • Expert training in open science in Finnish Universities
  • Projects
• TAJUA (rough translation: open access publishing of Finnish research)
  • A subproject of the Open Science and Research initiative
  • Run by The National Library of Finland
  • Aims to increase and improve the availability of Finnish research outputs by promoting OA principles