

TOWARDS IMMEDIATE OPEN ACCESS

Funding and infrastructure
for Finnish scholarly journals

A consortium-based funding model

The formula
to calculate
the share of
the member
organisation

$$a = b + c \cdot d$$

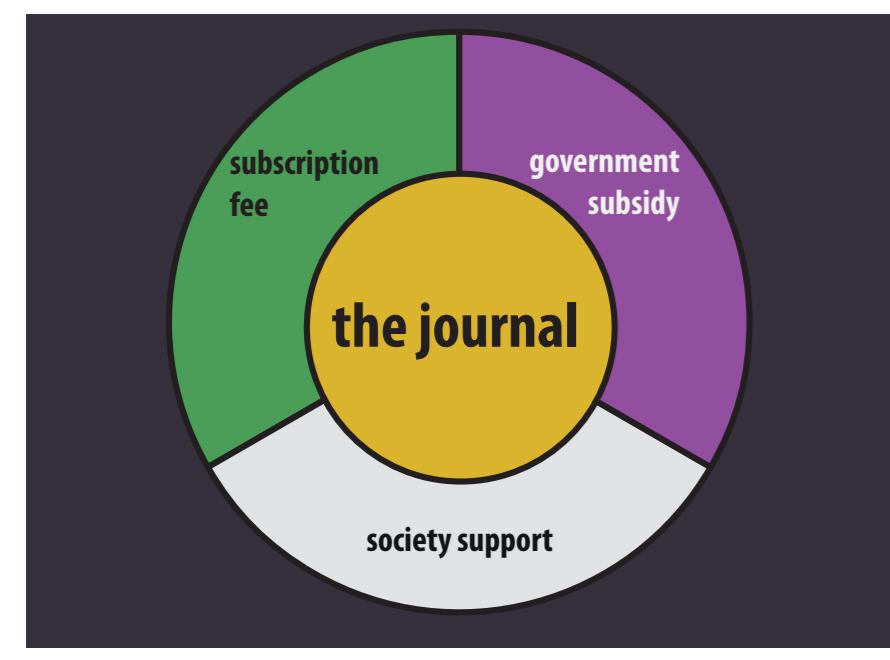
a = sum paid by a member organisation of the consortium
b = fixed charge for the consortium administration
c = mean value of the number of peer-reviewed articles published in the Kotilava journals by the researchers of the organisation, an interval of three years
d = price of an article

The project aims to build a consortium-based funding model in which the Finnish research organizations would provide funding for domestic OA journals. The model will require the collection of comprehensive data on all articles the Finnish organizations publish in the participating journals.

One of the challenges for the model is that the Finnish research libraries have been spending very little money on the acquisition of the domestic journals. This means that extra money is needed to cover the loss of subscription and membership income. The negotiations between stakeholders are underway, but the initial reaction of the journals and the university leadership has been positive.

In Finland, most academic journals are published by small scholarly societies. The main sources of income for the journals are usually subscriptions, society funding collected from membership fees, a government subsidy.

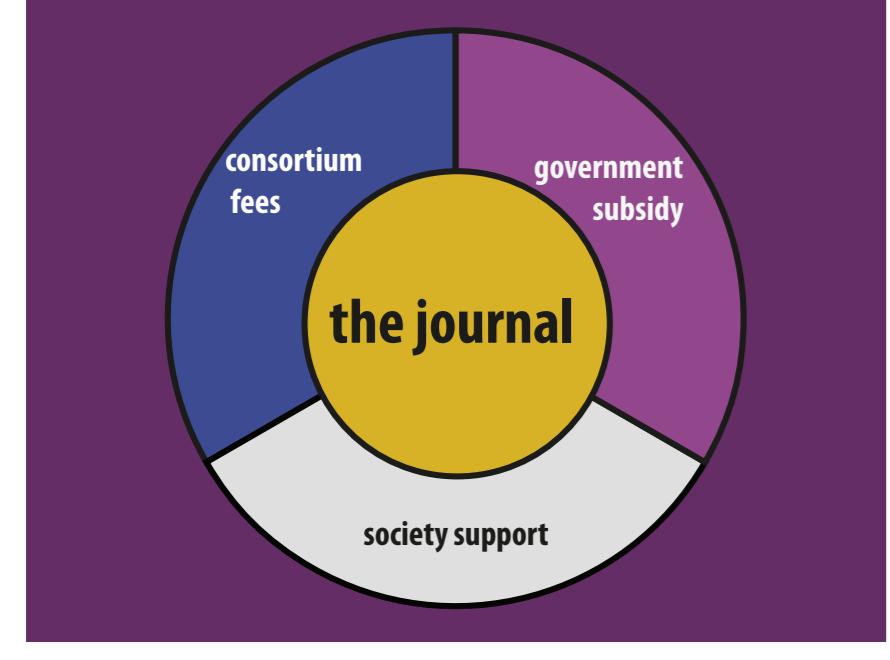
The income of the journal in the old funding model



Many of the journals have been unwilling to move to OA as they have been depending on subscription income, mostly from individual subscribers. The amount of money involved is not huge, as 45% of the journals receiving state funding get by with an annual budget of 10.000 euros or less.

A joint project by the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies and the National Library of Finland is addressing the situation. The project has been funded by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

The income of the journal in the new funding model



ing model for the open access journals; on the other hand, it has been developing a new up-to-date technical infrastructure for the journals.



THE NATIONAL
LIBRARY
OF FINLAND

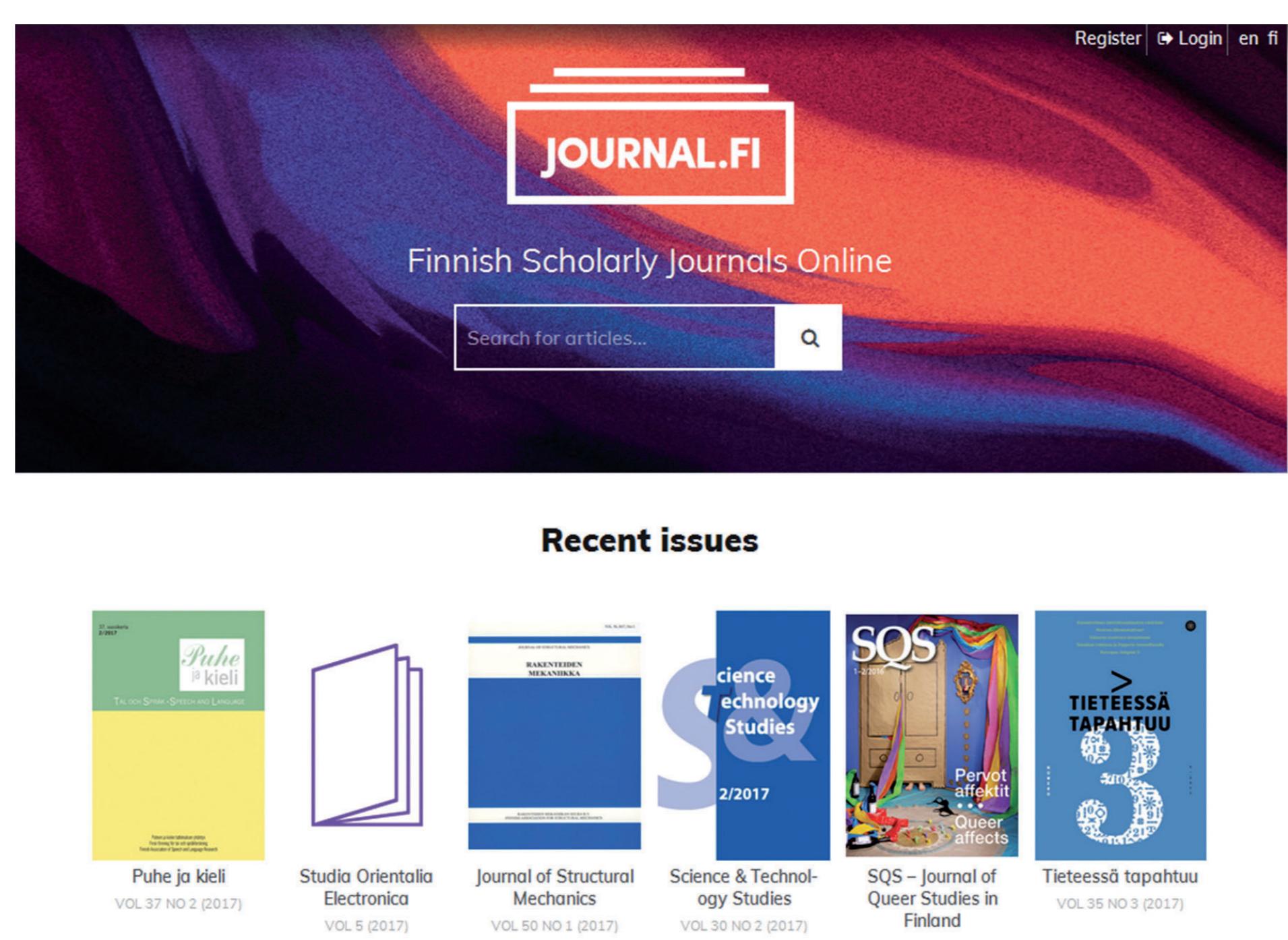


OPEN SCIENCE
AND RESEARCH



FEDERATION OF FINNISH LEARNED SOCIETIES

The Federation of Learned Societies (FLS) has been hosting a centralized Open Journal Systems (OJS) based publishing platform for the journals of its member organizations since 2006. The platform was modernized and re-branded. There was extensive technical development done to improve the service, including an upgrade to OJS 3.



FLS negotiated a deal with CrossRef to provide DOIs for the journals using the new service. The new platform also supports the use of ORCID identifiers for authors. With additional funding received from OpenAire, the use of XML format was enabled for the journals.

The new Journal.fi service was launched in January 2017. Currently there are 40 journals using the platform, with many more waiting for their turn to join.

Jyrki Ilva · jyrki.ilva@helsinki.fi
Riitta Koikkalainen · riitta.koikkalainen@helsinki.fi