

## **Subscribe to Open**

### What Is Subscribe to Open (S2O? )

An innovative, transformative model that rapidly transitions subscription journals to open access, utilising existing library workflows and budgets and without the author / funder having to pay Article Processing Charges

### How does it work?

IWA Publishing transitioned 10 subscription journals to Subscribe to Open in 2021. Newly published articles are immediately open without the author being required to pay an Article Processing Charge. The model requires sufficient subscribers to continue to support the journal; if revenue targets aren't reached, journals will return to gated access

### Benefits for subscribers.

Only subscribers can access articles older than 5 years which means over 32,000 articles (78% of the article count) is inaccessible to non-subscribers. The model is easy to administer as it utilises existing library workflows.

### Benefits for authors -

Authors publish in S2O journals free of charge (no APCs) as publication fees are covered by the subscription income. Articles are published under a CC-BY 4.0 license allowing authors to retain the copyright. The license enables authors to be fully compliant with the open access requirements of their institution and / or funding organisation(s). Since the journals were transitioned to S2O, usage has increased by 84% with Impact Factors project to increase by 36% since 2021

### Benefits for the community -

S2O supports open access and open science and helps to guarantee the long-term scientific independence of researchers through a diversity of publishing models and providers. It supports the values of the water research community and fulfils the IWA charitable mission of disseminating knowledge about water around the globe. It offers a partnership for rapid and equitable conversion to OA for readers and authors in all disciplines, is endorsed by OA2020 and by cOAlition S. S2O guarantees inclusivity as it is applicable to all readers and authors, in all countries.

### How can I support S2O?

New subscribers may join the S2O programme at any time by contacting [rsteeden@iwap.co.uk](mailto:rsteeden@iwap.co.uk)

### Journals & Coverage Included

Aqua – 1998 to current

Journal of Hydroinformatics – 1999 to current

Journal of Water and Climate Change – 2010 to current

Journal of Water and Health - 2003 to current

Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development – 2011 to current

Water Policy– 1998 to current

Water Practice & Technology – 2006 to current

Water Quality Research Journal – 1966 to current

Water Science & Technology - 1972 to current

Water Supply - 2001 to current

Price List

[https://iwaponline.com/pages/Institutional\\_Subscription\\_Rates](https://iwaponline.com/pages/Institutional_Subscription_Rates)

## Read & Publish (Transformative Agreements)

Transformative agreements are contracts negotiated between institutions (libraries, national and regional consortia) and publishers that transform the business model underlying scholarly journal publishing, moving from one based on toll access (subscription) to one in which publishers are remunerated a fair price for their open access publishing services

For one annual payment, an IWA Publishing Read & Publish transformative agreement includes

- Full Read access to all 14 journals (the 10 S2O titles plus 4 Gold OA)
- Unlimited publishing across all 14 titles (no APC's charged for publishing in any of the Gold OA titles) Articles are published under a CC-BY 4.0 license allowing authors to retain the copyright
- Unlimited usage: any user associated with a Read and Publish institution can access the entire archive of Society content, back to 1966.
- Generally, it's a multi-year agreement

The Read & Publish offer provides the institution with the greatest budgetary certainty guaranteeing, exactly what they'll pay per year over the duration of the contract.

In addition to the 10 Subscribe to Open titles, a Read & Publish Agreement also includes

Blue-Green Systems – 2019 to current

H2Open Journal - 2018 to current

Hydrology Research – 1970 to current

Water Reuse - 2011 to current

### Summary of Benefits

For Readers - the offer facilitates unlimited access to over 42,000 research articles (78% of which are unavailable to non-participating institutions )

For Authors – the offer facilitates unlimited publishing under a CC-BY 4.0 license allowing authors to retain the copyright. The license also enables authors to be fully compliant with the open access requirements of their institution and / or funding organisation(s).

For the Community - the agreement supports open access and open science helping to guarantee the long-term scientific independence of researchers through a diversity of publishing models and providers. It supports the values of the water research community and fulfils the IWA charitable mission of disseminating knowledge about water across the globe.

For the institution – the budgeting certainty of uncapped read and publishing for one annual payment