Memorandum of Understanding

Electronic Information Service National Programme (EISZ), in the name and on behalf of the participating institutions and represented by the Negotiation Committee, and Elsevier BV are concluding this Memorandum of Understanding.

Shared objective

To reach a consortium-level agreement before September 2019 that reflects our common ground and other considerations.

Common ground between EISZ and Elsevier

- We agree that EISZ's desire to both publish and read research content in cooperation with Elsevier would be a driving force in a worldwide transition towards immediate Open Access to scholarly publications.
- We share our common goals to help advance science. Open Access to publications is one way of making this possible. Creating an environment in which high quality research outputs are openly accessible and reusable is to the benefit of researchers and society as a whole.
- We will work together to significantly accelerate the transition to immediate Open Access in a cost-neutral way in Hungary. On a global level this transition might be scheduled differently.
- 4. This Memorandum of Understanding sets out the basic principles that will be developed into an agreement and is therefore not intended to be exhaustive.

Next steps

Having established this common ground, we will now finalise the applicable terms and conditions, and internal and external communication plans to reach an agreement. Any agreement resulting upon this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to approval by the Hungarian Negotiation Committee, the EISZ Programme Board, the consortium member institutions, and the Elsevier Board.

We look forward to realizing the positive benefits for the Hungarian research community that should follow as a result of its implementation.

For EISZ

Budapest, the 19th of June, 2019

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