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Media Release

Karger and CzechELib extend their unlimited Transformative Agreement for 5 more years

CzechELib consortium and Karger renew their long-standing partnership for five more years demonstrating both parties' continuous support and commitment to a sustainable Open Access transition.

The National Library of Technology (National Centre CzechELib), representing Czechia's academic library consortium, and Karger Publishers are very pleased to announce that their unlimited Transformative Agreement, which started in 2020, has been extended for five more years. What CzechELib refers to as their 'first fully transitional agreement' allows researchers from participating institutions to publish Open Access (OA) in all of Karger's journals without incurring Article Processing Charges, while also ensuring continuous access to all of Karger's journal portfolio.

Christian Box, Head of Academic and Research Institutions at Karger Publishers, comments: "We are absolutely delighted to extend our long-standing partnership with the CzechELib consortium, enabling Open Access for researchers in the Czech Republic. Transformative Agreements are a key element in the sustainable transition to OA and a central part of our commitment to building momentum for OA throughout the world."

Martin Svoboda, Director of National Library of Technology, adds: "Although the Karger consortium has a specialist focus and includes only a few institutions, we're happy that the Czech medical academia, especially advanced students, and doctoral candidates, have such a convenient opportunity both to read the entire Karger portfolio and at the same time to freely publish in Gold Open Access mode in all Karger journals regardless of their business model. We agreed to extend the cooperation for five more years because of the accommodating parameters of the contract."

Vladimír Karen, co-founder of Albertina icome Praha s.r.o., the local exclusive representative of Karger, says: "We are really proud to represent Karger in this continuing deal with CzechELib. While Karger is an important publisher on the world-wide market, they have always been very open to new ideas and easy to collaborate with."

CzechELib and Karger's extended agreement demonstrates both parties' continuous support and commitment to the advancement of Open Science and a sustainable OA transition. It will enable the researchers at the institutions covered by the deal to benefit from better visibility, and wider dissemination and reach of their research by publishing OA.

Authors can find out more about the publication workflow in Karger's journals under [this agreement here](#).

About Karger Publishers

Karger Publishers is a worldwide publisher of scientific and medical content based in Basel, Switzerland. It is independent and family-led in the fourth generation by Chairwoman and Publisher Gabriella Karger. Connecting and advancing health sciences since 1890, Karger has been continuously evolving, keeping pace with the current developments and shifts in research and publishing. The publishing house is dedicated to serving the information needs of the scientific community, clinicians, and patients with publications of high-quality content and services in health sciences. Karger Publishers has 230 employees and is present in 15 countries around the globe.

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About CzechELib

The National Centre CzechELib ensures the purchase of key electronic resources for the entire research and education community of the Czech Republic, takes care of their management including usage statistics and supports open access publishing. The National Centre CzechELib is a department of the National Library of Technology, and its establishment was supported by the European Operational Programme Research, Development, Education.

For more information, please visit czechelib.cz



About Albertina icome Praha

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