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Media Release

Karger Publishers reaches a pioneering multi-year Read and Publish Agreement in South Korea

After a successful trial year, Karger has signed a 3-year Transformative Agreement with KESLI / KCUE from 2023-2025.

The three-year Read and Publish agreement – also referred to as a Transformative Agreement - between Karger Publishers and the KESLI (Korean E-resource Service for Library) and KCUE (Korean Council for University Education) consortia is one of the first multi-year deals of this type in South Korea and illustrates Karger Publishers' continued commitment to helping research institutions advance Open Access (OA).

The agreement enables participating consortia members to benefit from access to the complete Karger journal collection and backfiles content as well as unlimited OA publishing in Karger journals - at no cost to authors. Separately, Karger has also signed individual Read and Publish agreements for 2023 with two other prestigious Korean institutions, Pusan National University and Catholic University of Korea.

"We are delighted to have established the agreement with KESLI/KCUE for the next 3 years, as well as reaching agreements with two other respected universities in South Korea. It signifies our continued commitment to building momentum for OA throughout the world while providing excellent value and services for our partners", says Christian Box, Head of Academic & Research Markets at Karger Publishers.

"It is very meaningful for global publishers and the research community to work together to expand the utilization of national R&D results and contribute to the development of a transparent and sustainable academic ecosystem through Open Access. KISTI will also continue to make efforts to enter into open access transformative agreements with domestic and foreign publishers through the KESLI project", said Dr. Kim Jaesoo,

President of the Korea Institute of Science and Information (KISTI), which hosts the KESLI consortium.

Sung-Chul Moon, Director of the Electronic Information Business Division of the University Library Association, who supervises the KCUE consortium, says: "Until now, the KCUE consortium has only negotiated terms of read-only agreements, and the Karger Read and Publish Agreement is the first case of an Open Access Transformative Agreement. With this agreement, the university has secured both the right to access Karger's journals and the right to publish open access, and can contribute to the spread of open science, where academic research results can be freely used not only by university researchers but also by anyone around the world. In the future, the KCUE consortium plans to work with more publishers to accelerate Open Access Transformative Agreements", said Sung-Chul Moon.

This most recent deal underscores Karger Publishers' commitment to providing flexible agreements with robust services such as reporting and workflows to meet institutions' needs. It also demonstrates Karger's 's actions to fulfill its "Open for Open" strategy, under which it seeks to promote Open Science and sustainable OA options, serving the communities with timely, accurate health sciences information for all.

Participating Read and Publish KESLI/ KCUE members:

Ajou University

Catholic Daegu University

Chonnam National University

Chungang University (Seoul)

Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology (DGIST)

Gachon University (Global Campus)

Gyeongsang National University

Hanyang University

Kangbuk Samsung Hospital

Konkuk University Hospital

Korea Institute of Science and Technology

Korea University

Kyung Hee University

Kyung Hee University Global campus

Kyungpook National University

Sungkyunkwan University/ Samsung Medical Center/ Kanbuk Samsung General Hospital

Yeungnam University

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 240 employees and is present in 15 countries around the globe.

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About KESLI Consortium

KESLI Consortium, operated by KISTI, provides a number of services to support libraries in public and research institutions in Korea to access electronic information efficiently. It is also proactively accepting open access proposals including transformative agreements that convert subscription-based electronic scholarly materials to open access.

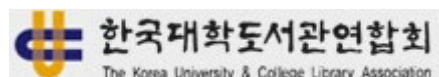
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About KCUE Consortium

The KCUE consortium, organized by the Council for University Education and operated by the Korea University and College Library Association, is focused on supporting the changing university research environment, reducing the cost of purchasing university library materials, and securing work efficiency.

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