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Here is a comment I put on the blog of Mike Taylor after his post of December 6th 2013 'Elsevier is taking down papers from Academia.edu'. See

<http://svpow.com/2013/12/06/elsevier-is-taking-down-papers-from-academia-edu/>

Thanks to Elsevier's last move, the situation now is very simple:

1. authors should no more sign the copyright agreement, or should put their paper under Creative Commons License CC-BY (if they sign the copyright agreement, this has then no more legal value),
2. members of the editorial boards should require that publishers replace 'copy-right agreement' by 'author-right agreement', where authors keep the ownership of their work and only grant the non exclusive authorization to publish their paper,
3. editorial boards and referees should ask for legal rights (that they presently do not have) in recognition of their highly specialized expertise and of their voluntary work to perform peer-reviewing (if some editors are paid they should have a contract with the publisher and the other members of the editorial board should be informed).