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To:

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## Invitation to meeting "Reformation of Science Publishing "

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences invites you to participate in a meeting to discuss the alarming situation of science publishing with fake articles and soaring publishing costs.

Place: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm

Time: 9-10 June 2025

The integrity of science publications is the fundamental basis we rely on for making decisions in our knowledge-based societies. However, **we are now facing an unprecedented scale of science publishing fraud** – the largest science scam of all times – which is why we urgently need to find solutions to counter this development that threatens to undermine people's trust in science. This situation is described in more detail in the attachment to this email.

To initiate a broad and global discussion **how to reform science publishing and academic incentive systems**, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (RSAS) is organizing a meeting to bring together important experts and top leaders to discuss the current situation and consider practical steps how to tackle these challenges. The meeting will have about **20 participants**. It will be a forum to have frank, open and in-depth discussions in a confidential setting. Each session will start with a few short introductory presentations to set the stage, and then ample time for discussion.

Because of your expertise we would be honored and delighted if you would be able take part in this meeting and contribute your expert opinion in this selected group of scientists, funding agency representatives, editors, and consultants.

**The outcome of the meeting should be a draft of a declaration describing the challenges and proposing a multipronged approach to improve the situation, ending with a "call-to-action"**. The declaration with the working title **"Reformation of science publishing - the Stockholm Declaration"** shall be published in suitable channels and should serve as guidance for scientists, learned organizations, funding and governmental organizations as well as publishers throughout the world.



The RSAS The Academy will cover costs for travel (one person, premium economy class for transcontinental travel, **economy class within Europe**), **accommodation 2 nights, 8-10 June** (three nights for non-European participants, if necessary) and meals included in the official program.

Please reply to our invitation at your earliest convenience (no later than March 10) to let us know if you will be able to participate in person and contribute your valuable knowledge, experience and ideas. Respond to: [veronika.eriksson@kva.se](mailto:veronika.eriksson@kva.se)

We apologize for short notice, but we are eager to host this meeting before the summer break.

If you are able to participate, please send us the following items by March 30 (ideally sooner):

- Brief CV (max. 2 pages) including list of publications relevant for this meeting, if any.
- Summary of issues relevant for this meeting where you have special expertise (max. one page).

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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