

Deux courriels des 19 et 20 Décembre 2013

Marie Farge ---> Liste [acesouvert]

Sandrine Malotaux ---> Liste [Costofknowledge]

Le 19 Décembre 2013 j'envoie un courriel à la liste [costofknowledge] qui regroupe les signataires du boycott d'Elsevier, pour les informer des négociations menées en France avec Elsevier pour le renouvellement du contrat d'abonnement qui se termine fin Décembre 2013. Venant d'apprendre que ces négociations se passent mal je fais appel à mes collègues pour savoir comment les abonnements d'Elsevier se négocient avec leur université. En effet, les contrats passés avec Elsevier étant secrets, seuls ces témoignages peuvent servir de référence pour les négociations suivantes.

Après avoir reçu ce courriel John Baez met un 'post' sur son 'blog' afin de relayer mon appel à témoignage. Il y a immédiatement de nombreux commentaires intéressants de la part de nos collègues, que vous trouverez sur

<https://plus.google.com/117663015413546257905/posts/3RBvY7HTSNL>

J'avais aussi envoyé copie de mon courriel à la liste [acesouvert] pour les informer. C'est ainsi que Sandrine Malotaux, une des trois bibliothécaires négociant avec Elsevier au titre du Consortium Couperin, le lit et met un 'post' sur le blog de John Baez pour dire que bien au contraire les négociations avec Elsevier sont 'riches et constructives'.

From: farge <farge@lmd.ens.fr>

Sent: Fri, 20 Dec 2013 01:56:01 +0100 (CET)

To: Acces Ouvert <acesouvert@groupe.renater.fr>

Subject: [acesouvert] Another article on recent Elsevier exploits

Voici un mail que je viens d'envoyer à notre groupe 'Cost of Knowledge'.

Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2013 01:47:55 +0100 (CET)

From: farge <farge@lmd.ens.fr>

To: Cost of Knowledge <costofknowledge@ima.umn.edu>

Subject: Another article on recent Elsevier exploits

Dear all,

Here is a paper published today in the Washington Post

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2013/12/19/how-one-publisher-is-stopping-academics-from-sharing-their-research/?print=1>

After attacking Academia and Calgary University, Elsevier is now chasing UC Irvine and Harvard... What a shame! Twenty years ago when we published a paper we received several free reprints (the published version, not a preprint) to thank us of our work and to inform our colleagues about our new work. Colleagues asked us for reprints and, if we did not

have any left, we sent photocopies. Why could we not keep this practice of sharing reprints by putting the published version on our website? Indeed, if we consider peer-reviewing as important, only the published version should circulate (since otherwise the text might have been modified).

In France the present negotiations with Elsevier concerning subscriptions are also fierce. Yesterday all academic French institutions received the announcement that negotiations broke and we will no more be able to access their journals by December 31st. If you could provide me details about similar negotiations with Elsevier you heard about, I will forward them to colleagues in charge of the present negotiation. I am also looking for information concerning the fact that Elsevier pays some of us in an obscure way (there is no contract, other editors are not informed, ...). This might explain why some of our colleagues are so supportive of Elsevier.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Marie

Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2013 21:42:43 +0100
From: Sandrine Malotaux <sandrine.malotaux@inp-toulouse.fr>
To: costofknowledge@ima.umn.edu, farge@lmd.ens.fr
Subject: Fwd: TR: [acesouvert] Another article on recent Elsevier exploits

Dear all

As head of the department of negotiation and licensing (French national consortium Couperin), in charge of the current negotiation with Elsevier, I received the email below, forwarded to me today. I must correct the information given in this email, which is not accurate.

The negotiation process with Elsevier has not broken up, on the contrary we have rich and constructive discussions. So far, no announcement concerning the negotiation's ending has ever been published. It is true that a letter was sent to Elsevier, asking them to cut access to the Freedom collection if no agreement can be reached by December, 31st, but this announcement was made for administrative reasons. We have no reason to think that the negotiation should fail.

The situation is far more complicated with the American Physical Society.

Sincerely yours,

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