

ANFASA SEMINAR ON

# OPEN ACCESS 2017

**ANFASA**  
Dedicated to empowering authors

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WEST CAMPUS  
BRAAMFONTEIN  
27 OCTOBER 2017  
09:30 for 10:00 till 13:00**

## THE SEMINAR

*The past years have seen intense debate over open access (OA) and authors' rights, including copyright. ANFASA has responded in a number of ways, and has:*

- Engaged in local, national and international public debates, including online in The Conversation and in The Star, and in submissions to Parliament.
- circulated regular updates on OA debates to the ANFASA membership
- Participated in the annual National Scholarly Editors' Forum organised by the Academy of Science for South Africa where OA is a recurring agenda item.

## CONSIDERATION

*The debates around OA rarely consider the rights of authors. The emphasis is always on the reader's right to free access but what about the author's right to earn a living from his or her writing, or publishers' rights to viability.*

## THE DEBATES

*The issues are:*

1. Whether or not authors are fully employed or of independent means, and whether writing is a profession.
2. An argument that publishers (irrespective of their own costs and the livelihoods of their own employees and investors) should not be charging for reading publications that may have arisen from the public purse;
3. That the user-[reader] pays principle is substituted with author-pays mechanisms. What are the pros and cons of the author-pays in comparison to the reader-pays models?
4. The issue of predatory OA journals, which is a massively vexing one, comprehensively addressed in recent articles published in the SA Journal of Science and the South African Journal of Business Management. What are the issues here for science, author reputation and author's careers?
5. What OA models work best for which sectors?
6. How are publishers responding to the new digital future?
7. What is the future for digital publishing for authors who are self-employed?
8. What are the business and academic models that are emerging?

*ANFASA has assembled a number of professionals from the publishing industry and academia to take delegates through the relevant issues and to examine the pros and cons, and what works. The industry is in a state of fundamental transition and the issue for ANFASA is author's rights no matter the business model.*

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