Big deal cancellation at Université de Lorraine

*Causes, consequences, challenges*

ALPSP annual conference – September 13th 2018
• Head of digital library

• Previous open access commitments:
  o Sparc Europe
  o OpenAIRE
  o Couperin

• Current ones:
  o Scientific Publishing Survey Committee
  o Open Science Committee
• Fairly new university
• 60,000 students
• 3,000 academics
• 60 laboratories
• Library acquisition budget: ~ 4 M€
Big deal cancellation: the reasons

- Budget constraints
- Unsustainable price increase
- Decreasing usage trend
Big deal cancellation: the reactions

Some positive ones

No written complaints, very few oral ones

Access seems not really to be an issue

~ 50% of usage covered by a backfiles national licence
~ 15% covered by legal Open Access
~ 5% covered by ‘perpetual access’ on previously subscribes journals
Big deal cancellation: investing elsewhere

Selection criteria:

• Academic-centered
• Scientific quality
• Transparency
• Funding with (almost) no APCs
Big deal cancellation: investing elsewhere
Local to national: funding a transition

1. Make open access mandatory when publishing articles and books resulting from government-funded calls for projects.
2. Create an Open Science fund.

Develop bibliodiversity
- Explore new business models for open access journals and books.
- Encourage university presses and publishing houses that make their publications available through open access.
- When publication charges are required, they should be paid only to fully open access publications.
Local to national: the Jussieu call

Appel de Jussieu pour la Science ouverte et la bibliodiversité
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The development of innovative scientific publishing models must be a budget priority because it represents an investment into services meeting the genuine needs of researchers in our digital age:

Priority should be given to business models that do not involve any payments, neither for authors to have their texts published nor for readers to access them. Many fair funding models exist and only require to be further developed and extended: institutional support, library contributions or subsidies, premium services, participatory funding or creation of open archives, etc. We endorse the clear message to the scientific community at
Local to national: Open Science committee

Open Science Committee, Bibliodiversity WG

- Will be launched in October 2018
- Work on Fair Open Access criteria
- Liaise with similar initiatives (SCOSS, Scholarly Commons...)
"THE STORY IS ONLY JUST BEGINNING."

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