

EDP Sciences reinforces its support of Open Access publishing with the launch of *Liberty APCs*

12 February 2016, Paris, France. EDP Sciences have today announced the launch of **Liberty APCs** – a new model where the author chooses their own fair price to publish an article in Open Access (OA).

The **Liberty APCs** model means that authors can choose from a number of options, the level of article processing charge (APC) they will pay to publish their article - including an amount of 0€ in 2016. It is expected that they will investigate all options for funding, for example from their funding body, their institution or their organization, but ultimately it will be their decision how much they feel is a fair price to pay.

Jean-Marc Quilbé, President of EDP Sciences said, “at EDP sciences we have a commitment to Open Access and a history of working closely with the research community. With Liberty APCs, we want to learn whether authors are willing to be involved in the development of Open Access publishing and whether cost is an obstacle. We also aim, through this model, to give more opportunities for publishing in Open Access as we know not all authors have access to the same levels of funding.”

Liberty APCs is a useful model for journals at launch stage and for the first years of publication. It provides a useful gauge of a journal’s value before it is indexed, as all authors who have a requirement to publishing Open Access can publish in a journal relevant to their research regardless of access to funding.

“With Liberty APCs, we want to assess what level of article processing charge authors can or are able to pay,” J-M Quilbé continued, “additionally we hope to make researchers more aware of the funding opportunities that are open to them, as well as the different licensing requirements and policies.”

Agnès Henri, Editorial Director of EDP Sciences added, “it is important to stress that the amount of Liberty APC paid will not be reflected in any way on the publication process. The Editors-in-chief will have absolutely no access to payment information, therefore all articles published under this model will undergo the same rigorous, independent peer review and publication process as all our journals, and there will be no compromise on quality.”

As well as fully open access journals, EDP Open provides free and open access to more than 80,000 scientific articles from across all EDP Sciences’ journals and also hundreds of conference proceedings.

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