

Enhancement of scientific information transmission to overseas countries by Japanese international scientific journals

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Reviewing recent states of scholarly publishing in Japan and also the latest topics related to E-journals in the world, significance of scholarly publishing in Japan is confirmed again and some possibilities of future developments are discussed considering of its difficulty. Scientists should recognize the increasing of social accountabilities to investment of Research and Development by public funding agencies.

Including those situations, Altmetrics and Open Access would be new key features to produce a different aspect of measuring impacts of researches from present indicators such as citation numbers. It would result in the discussion for scientists how research outputs should be published and how they could and should assess those outputs, which would help publishers improve their journals.

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