

Electric Journal and its "Open Access"

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Price of scientific journals is increasing continuously every year. Currently middle size class national university with 10,000 students spends almost 50 million yen per year to buy electric journals from the biggest publisher. According to some commercial models, this price is rising up around 5% per year. Current price of e-journal is determined based upon the cost of paper publication. Since one of the most important subjects for public access to the scholarly literature is that substantial portion of research is financially supported by taxpayers, they have a right to access the results of what they have funded. Currently the situation of publication for in particular the field of science, technology and medicines drastically changes from READERS PAY pay to AUTHORS PAY. The main reason for authors to make their articles open access is to maximize the research impact and citation. But, an important question remains how much the open access e-journal costs actually, and academic products by any means are published through our activity and endeavoring as carrying out study, writing manuscripts and reviewing them. How do we need to cope with those critical questions ?

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