

Report of meeting with Frontiers on Open Access to scientific publications EC offices, 25 April 2018

Participants: Dr. Kamila Markram, CEO and co-founder of Frontiers, Dr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at Frontiers; Dr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED], EPSC, EC.

[REDACTED] gave a short introduction to the assignment.

K. Markram gave a short presentation on Frontiers' innovative business model, including the current state of play regarding services offered and ways that Frontiers can contribute to realising the transition to immediate open access in Europe - see slides and brochure¹.

The following issues were raised:

- the Frontiers' publishing process (submission, peer review, editorial boards etc.);
- the range of APCs charged - depending on different status, discipline, maturity of journals and waivers;
- transparency of costs;
- the success of Frontiers' journals – citations / impact factor;
- building the brand;
- reinvestment in the company;
- AI and technology key elements as well as personnel;

Conclusion

Impressive OA publishing model;

Frontiers agreed to prepare a paper with more detail on the OA business model and pricing policies.

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¹ Slides and Brochure