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New agreement expands the global reach of Irish research

Researchers at nine institutions in Ireland can now publish an unlimited number of Open Access articles in leading biological science journals, immediately and at no cost to them, following a three-year Read & Publish agreement between The Company of Biologists and IReL.

The new cost-neutral agreement which runs from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022, also enables faculty and students at participating institutions to benefit from unlimited access to all articles published in *Development*, *Journal of Cell Science* and *Journal of Experimental Biology*.

Institutions from across Ireland are participating in the agreement: Dublin City University; Maynooth University; National University of Ireland, Galway; Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; Technological University Dublin; Trinity College Dublin; University College Cork; University College Dublin; and University of Limerick.

"IReL is delighted to sign an agreement with The Company of Biologists," says Jack Hyland, IReL Manager. "It provides our corresponding authors with immediate Open Access publishing without them needing to pay article processing charges. The agreement also enables students and researchers to have access to additional journals previously unavailable to them."

"We are thrilled to sign our third national-level Read & Publish agreement with IReL, following a long history of collaboration," says Richard Grove, Commercial Manager of The Company of Biologists. "As a small, not-for-profit publisher dedicated to supporting and inspiring the biological community, we are also excited that each Read & Publish agreement we sign accelerates a sustainable transition to Open Access."

About IReL

IReL is an Irish e-resource licensing consortium, which has been providing online access to journals and databases for libraries in participating publicly funded Irish higher education institutions since 2004. IReL is based in Maynooth University.

About The Company of Biologists

The Company of Biologists is a not-for-profit publishing company dedicated to supporting and inspiring the biological community. We publish five specialist peer-reviewed journals:

Development, Journal of Cell Science, Journal of Experimental Biology, Disease Models & Mechanisms (Open Access) and Biology Open (Open Access). We also fund scientific workshops and provide a variety of grants to the scientific community.

Our [Read & Publish Open Access initiative](#) was launched in November 2019, and we have signed national-level consortia agreements with Jisc in the UK and MALMAD in Israel, as well as with individual institutions.

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