

# The History of SPARC and the Transformation of Open Access

**SPARC\***

OPEN  ACCESS

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# **A Short History of SPARCs**

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition  
SPARC North America 1997

LIBER - Association of European Research Libraries  
SPARC Europe 2001

International Scholarly Communication Initiative  
SPARC Japan 2003

African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA)  
SPARC Africa 2015

# **SPARC Initiatives, over the past 20 years**

**(The Big View!)**

- **Founded on the historical goals of Collective Action**
- **Break Big Serials Deals**
- **Librarians and Scholars believed faculty can advocate for open-access mandates**
- **Leadership in Education**
- **Policy Advocacy, Government Mandates, and Legislative actions**
- **Creating and maintaining technical systems/IR infrastructure**
- **Creating Specific Standards and striving for Interoperability**
- **Expanding Open Science**

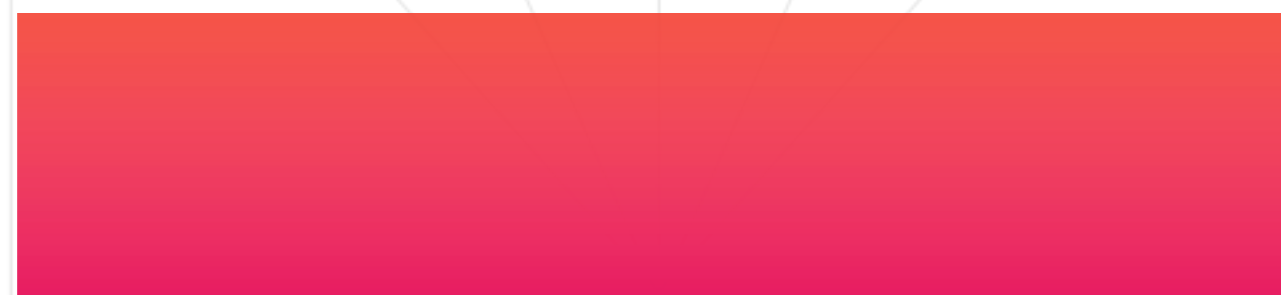
# SPARC Partnerships, Stakeholders, Influencers

( Not all of them, of course!)

A word cloud featuring various organizations and initiatives associated with SPARC. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern and vary in size and color. The most prominent words are 'SPARC' and 'Open'. Other visible words include 'United Nations', 'COAR', 'JUSTICE', 'BOAI 20', 'NII', 'Creative Commons', 'LIBER', 'ORCID', 'ARL', 'NiSTEP', 'DOAJ', 'OSPSA', 'RCCOS', 'JST', and 'cOAlition S'.

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**SPARC** **has become a** global coalition  
committed to making **open** the  
**default** in research and education



# BOAI 20

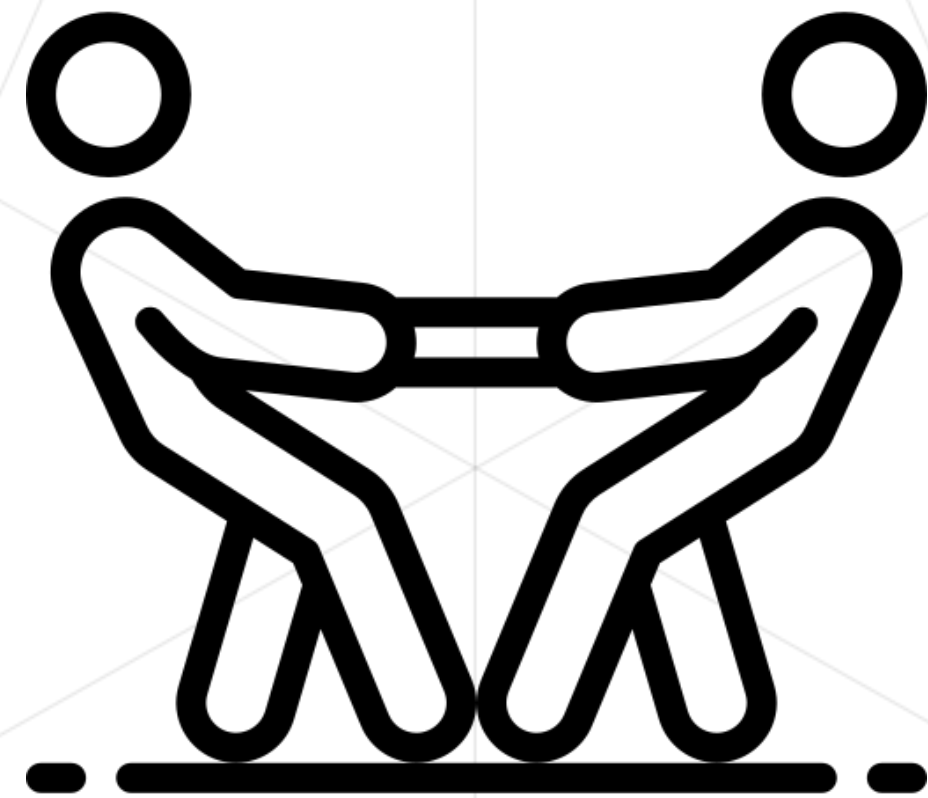
***“An old tradition and a new technology have converged to make possible an unprecedented public good...”***

***—Budapest Open Access Initiative 2002***

- 1. Host OA research on open infrastructure.**
  - 2. Reform research assessment and rewards to improve incentives.**
  - 3. Favor inclusive publishing and distribution channels that never exclude authors on economic grounds.**
  - 4. When we spend money to publish OA research, remember the goals for which OA is the means.**
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# Transforming OA?

**Publishers**



**SPARC et al.**

**Communities**

**Polices**

**Libraries**

# Transforming OA

What is the focus in the USA?

- Read and Publish Agreements
- Mandates
- Infrastructure







# Read and Publish Agreements

## SPARC: Open Access Agreements: Factors to Consider

<https://sparcopen.org/our-work/negotiation-resources/data-analysis/open-access-agreements-factors-to-consider/>

### Current Open Access Agreements for Ohio State Corresponding Authors

- **Cambridge University Press**
- **De Gruyter**
- **Institute of Physics (IOP)**
- **Microbiology Society**
- **PLOS**
- **Royal Society**
- **Taylor & Francis**
- **Wiley Hybrid**

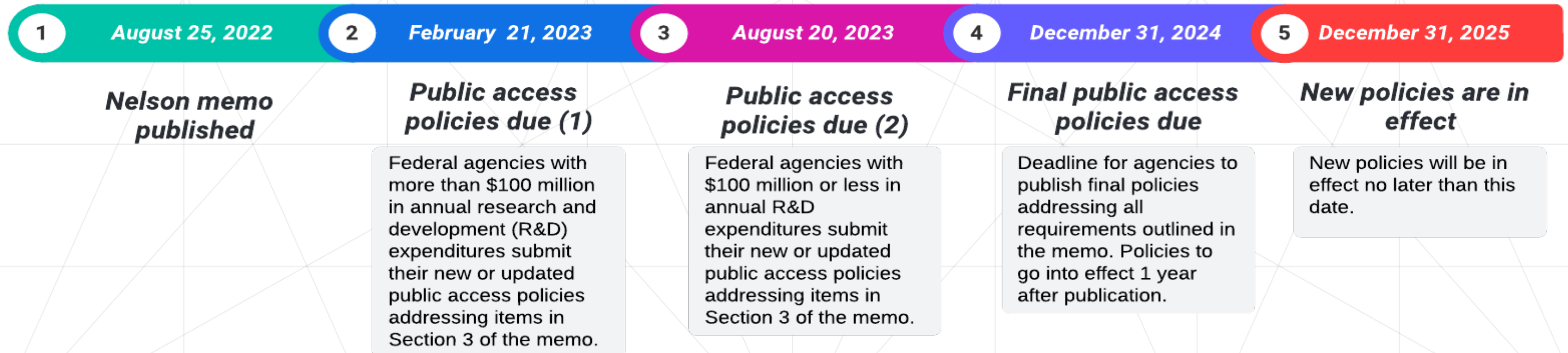
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### Upcoming Events and Information Sessions

- **Open Access Article Publishing With No Cost to Ohio State Authors (Virtual Information Session)**  
February 1, 2023 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Online via Zoom

# Mandates : OSTP Memo

**Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research** that will make taxpayer-funded research immediately available for the public to freely access and fully use. This new guidance calls on all federal agencies to generate policies that eliminate the current **12-month waiting period** for access to the outputs of federally funded research, including **articles and data**.



# OA: IR Infrastructure

The U.S. Repository Network (USRN, or The Network) Action Plan 2022-2023 is guided by the community-developed strategic vision for U.S. repositories and a set of foundational characteristics.

To fulfill the vision, the USRN has the following objectives:

1. Provide a national voice for the distributed network of U.S. repositories,
2. Advocate for the role of a distributed network of repositories in our national research infrastructure,
3. Further strengthen the distributed network of repositories in the U.S., and
4. Collaborate with policymakers and funders to transform research communications.

**Thank You &  
Questions**