FAQs for librarians

What is changing?

Nature Communications is to become Nature Publishing Groups flagship open access title, and confirms the company’s commitment to providing high quality open access research options for researchers alongside its subscription portfolio. From 20th October 2014 Nature Communications will only accept open access research submissions.

We will offer the Creative Commons Attribution license (CC BY 4.0) as the default license choice, with other CC licences on request, and a flat APC price will be introduced. APC waivers will be available for HINARI countries.

The full announcement is available here.

Answers to other immediate questions you may have are below. If you have further questions, please contact us on institutions@nature.com.

Can I still renew a site license to Nature Communications for 2015?

Yes, NPG will honour author’s choice of subscription or open access publication for those authors whose research is currently in review by the journal, and for submissions up to the 19 October 2014.

This means that subscription content will continue to be published in 2015, and available to site license customers. If you are a current customer with a site license in 2014, please contact your regular NPG rep to discuss your renewal for 2015. If you don't know your rep, please email institutions@nature.com and we will forward this on to the appropriate rep to get in touch.

When do you anticipate stopping publishing subscription content on the journal website?

By the end of 2015.

Are there plans to make existing subscription content open too?

At this time, content published under the subscription model will stay behind the paywall.

I am often asked about NPG’s open access resources and policies where can I find that information?

Further information on open access at NPG can be found on the websites listed below:
- for librarians: http://www.nature.com/libraries/open_access
- for authors: http://www.nature.com/authors/open_access
- funder information pages: http://www.nature.com/authors/open_access/funding.html
- NPG’s self-archiving policies: http://www.nature.com/authors/policies/license
- NPG’s free manuscript deposition service: http://www.nature.com/authors/author_resources/deposition

A complete list of NPG journals offering open access options can be viewed here: http://www.nature.com/libraries/open_access/oa_pub_models.html

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