THIEME SURF READ AND PUBLISH AGREEMENT

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why are not all Thieme journals covered by the agreement?
Only journals that were subscribed by Dutch universities in the past made it to the agreement.

Why are not all UKB institutions covered by the agreement?
The agreement covers all institutions that decided to opt-in. Additional institutions can be added on request e.g., at a later date.

What content is covered for “read” journals?
The read access for included medical journals covers back files from 2000 onwards. Read access for Synlett and Synthesis covers back files from 2017 onwards (or earlier in case of a previous subscription).

What types of articles are eligible for OA publication under the agreement?
The agreement covers original research articles and scientific reviews in English language journals.

Why does the OA option only cover English language titles?
The German language journals publish a mix of article types, i.e. the share of scientific articles (original research articles, scientific reviews) in those journals is low.

Are authors from university hospitals eligible to publish under the agreement?
Yes, if the university hospital is affiliated to one of the universities.

How many gold Open Access Thieme journals are included in the agreement?
Currently Thieme publishes 60 gold OA journals. If a new gold OA journal is created, it will automatically be included in the agreement.

How will authors know that/if they are eligible to publish under the agreement?
- The process for Thieme journals offers information on available OA agreements on submission.
- Known Dutch authors will be notified by Thieme through e-mail, marketing communication.
How is the publication process being monitored?
Thieme uses the CCC Rightslink® system to monitor article submissions. Participating universities will automatically have access to Thieme publications via their dashboard.

What happens if an eligible article is still published non-OA?
Authors who could have used the APC free publication but did not, will be informed by e-mail and a retrospective conversion to OA will be offered.

Will there be costs for article “extras” like color charge or page charge?
No, the agreement covers all fees for OA publication of eligible articles.

Which reporting services does Thieme offer?
The consortium will be provided with quarterly publication reports for the participants. Individual universities can monitor publications via CCC Rightslink®.