

Barriers and Impact Session: Early career researchers and OA, why and where

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Working as a researcher and educator in Latin America for the last three years, I have seen the access problem first hand. Open access to the scientific literature is urgently needed worldwide, and it will take the support of scientists at all career levels to make it happen. Early-career researchers are in a position to be game changers, ushering in a new era of open science. However, many are concerned about the repercussions of publishing in open access journals on the visibility and impact of their work and their prospects for obtaining employment, grants, and tenure. I will tackle these concerns with a discussion of publishing options, self-archiving, and other ways in which early-career researchers can be open and successful. I will also discuss how those at more advanced career levels can support early-career researchers in being open, in particular by reforming researcher evaluation systems.

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