



"Open access to scientific publications!"

Couperin.org, ADBU and EPRIST call to academic publishers

The current Covid-19 pandemic makes clear the need for a global opening of publications, too often subject to paid subscriptions. The speed and transparency of scientific exchanges will make it possible to combat this new virus more quickly and effectively. Doctors and researchers must have immediate access to all available scientific literature. Access to scientific literature is also essential for other audiences who are prey to false information about the virus.

The Couperin.org consortium, ADBU and EPRIST join the ICOLC in its communiqué <https://icolc.net/statement/statement-global-covid-19-pandemic-and-its-impact-library-services-and-resources> and call on publishers to open their publications to all, in these exceptional circumstances, in order to face, united, an unprecedented global health crisis.

The Couperin.org consortium, ADBU (www.adbu.fr) and EPRIST (<https://www.eprist.fr/>) thank the publishers who have already made the effort, in these exceptional circumstances, to open their publications to all, and call on all publishers to do the same, in the common concern for the public good that must unite us.

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ADBU: Association of French Academic Libraries www.adbu.fr

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