Letter of Agreement – Pilot Transitional Agreement 2021-23

This letter confirms the agreement between the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Unidad de Recursos de Información Científica para la Investigación (URICI-CSIC), in English identified as the Spanish National Research Council, Unit of Information Resources for Research, in Joaquin Costa 22, Madrid, 28007, Spain and Microbiology Society (the Society), of 14-16 Meredith Street, London EC1R 0AB, UK, whereby URICI-CSIC will act as a library consortium, managing its members institutional inclusion within a Publish and Read package during 2021.

URICI-CSIC agrees to:

1. Cover the cost of
   a. read access for those following URICI-CSIC subscribing institutions:
      o CENTRO NACIONAL DE BIOTECNOLOGIA (@CNB.csic.es) O006025
      o CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIONES BIOLOGICAS (@CIB.csic.es) O006026
      o INSTITUTO DE BIOLOGIA MOL. Y CEL. DE PLANTAS PRIMO YUFERA (@IBMCP.csic.es) O005969, and
   b. OA publishing for all authors using either a CSIC general domain or any sub domain email of @csic.es.

2. Pay the agreed Publish and Read Licence flat rate with no annual increases for each year of the three-year agreement (2021-23) of £ 9,371, such transactions to be paid via URICI-CSIC’s selected subscription agent no later than 31 December of each year.

3. URICI-CSIC ensures member Institutes agree to Licence terms as set out in Appendix 1.

4. Manage opt-in and payment of an additional £1,500 per institution where one of its non-participating member Institutes wishes to benefit from either access to the Society journals’ paywalled content or that published two or more articles in the previous calendar year. The sub domain email would be used to identify the publishing output of specific institutes.

A list of CSIC Institutes active in biological disciplines is given in Appendix 2. The aim of the Publish and Read agreement is to flip research from Spanish National Research Council institutes to OA. In the pilot phase of this ‘transitional agreement’, the Society will monitor and report on the take up of
the unlimited ‘publish’ offer across all CSIC members (identified by sub domain), URICI-CSIC will check that data is correct (corresponding authors are CSIC contractual affiliated authors) and this data will feed into pricing calculations in phase two of a Publish and Read Agreement.

Learning outcomes have been identified for the pilot phase of this Publish and Read agreement. With the benefit of running the scheme for several years, both partners will review and assess how to:

• Screen potential corresponding authors who use csic.es email domain, but whom URICI-CSIC wish not to recognise as eligible authors,
• Provide a metadata feed into CSIC’s institutional repository.

The Microbiology Society agrees to grant the benefits of Publish and Read for the remainder of 2020 on signature of this agreement. CSIC will be added to the list of participating Publish and Read institutions on the Society’s webpage here: https://www.microbiologyresearch.org/fee-free-open-access.

Please confirm your agreement by countersigning below.

On behalf of the Microbiology Society

On behalf of URICI-CSIC Consortium

Head of Business Development & Sales
1. **APPENDIX 1 – LICENSING TERMS FOR URICI-CSIC MEMBERS**

**Institutional Publish and Read Licence Terms**

**IS AGREED** this day of [25 June 2020 ] BETWEEN

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‘Eligible Corresponding Author’ means an author affiliated with the Institution on the date of acceptance for publication, and identified as the corresponding author of the article accepted for publication, in one of the Publisher’s journals.

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   • Eligible Corresponding Authors sign the appropriate Creative Commons license; and
   • Eligible Corresponding Authors do not opt-out of publishing under an Open Access licence.

4. It is the responsibility of Eligible Corresponding Authors to provide the correct information in respect of their Institution.

5. Should an article from an Eligible Corresponding Author be identified after publication,

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   Email: to both g.redvers-mutton@microbiologysociety.org and journalsales@microbiologysociety.org
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4. Each party shall provide the expert with such information and documentation as he may reasonably require for the purposes of his decision.

5. The costs of the expert shall be borne by the parties in such proportions as the expert may determine to be fair and reasonable in all circumstances or, if no determination is made by the expert, by the parties in equal proportions.

AS WITNESS the hands of the duly authorized representatives of the parties the day and year below first written

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Name (in block capitals): ___________________________ Date:

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