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Inaugural Editorial

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We are pleased to announce the launch of a new international journal, the *Journal of Scholarly Communication* (JSC), to be published on a continuous basis as a selective, peer-reviewed, open access periodical.

As scholarly communication evolves, the impact of technologies and economic pressures have increased, causing content consumers to have mounting concerns about the reliability of peer-reviewed scholarship, particularly in empirical sciences. The aim of JSC is to explore and examine the multitude of influences on published scholarly content through research and commentary assessing the quality and reliability of that content; we hope that thorough and thoughtful scrutiny of today's scholarly communication systems will expose both the strengths and flaws across this complex landscape and will, in turn, promote the development and innovation of research in these field.

JSC's scope covers a wide range of aspects of academic information from the creation, production, and dissemination of content to theories, methods, technologies, and applications related to all forms of academic communication. Ongoing, we will encourage researchers to submit work within and across-disciplines including library, information, and communication sciences, scientometrics, pedagogical studies, and beyond. We will also accept work studying a wide range of formats from books to journals, patents, preprints,

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As launch editors, we are committed to making JSC an exemplar of open discussion and debate amongst international scholars and all readers about how to understand and participate in creating sound and reliable research in scholarly communication. We are building a robust international board of editors, advisors, and reviewers who will help make the journal represent diverse global perspectives on both problems and solutions to challenges in scholarly publishing. We look forward to JSC becoming an important and trusted platform for academic exchange, development, and progress.

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