



ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY

and

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

LICENSE AGREEMENT

RSC PLATINUM OA AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the ____th day of _____, 2025.

BETWEEN: ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY, a company incorporated in England by Royal Charter (Registered No. RC000524) and a Registered Charity No. 207890 whose registered office is located at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BA, United Kingdom (“Publisher”)

AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND MAYNOOTH, MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY, whose principal address is at Maynooth, Co Kildare, Ireland (“Maynooth University”), acting on its own behalf and as non-exclusive agent on behalf of the other Members of the Consortium.

RECITALS

WHEREAS Maynooth University has been appointed by Members of the Consortium, as their non-exclusive agent, to enter into agreements on the Members’ behalf for accessing electronic educational and research resources;

AND WHEREAS the Publisher provides RSC Materials which is a range of journals published by the Publisher;

AND WHEREAS Maynooth University wishes to enter into this Agreement in order for Members of the Consortium to be authorised to access and use the Licensed Material;

AND WHEREAS the Consortium and the Publisher share the goal to transition to an open access model and the transition to full open access will include continued access to the Publisher’s journal content;

AND WHEREAS the parties are desirous to contract on the basis of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS

1 **DEFINITIONS**

1.1 In this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Authorised Users means an individual who is registered with and authorised by a Member to access its information services (whether on-site or off-site) via Secure Authentication and who is:

- a current student of the Member (including undergraduates and postgraduates);
- a member of staff of the Member (whether permanent or temporary, including retired members of staff (who are not employed by another institution or company) and any teacher who teaches Authorised Users registered in the Republic of Ireland);
- a contractor of the Member; or
- a Walk-In User.

Walk-in Users are persons who are allowed by the Member to access the Member's information services from computer terminals within the physical premises of the Member. For the avoidance of doubt, Walk-In Users may be given access to the Licensed Material by any wireless Secure Network. Walk-in Users are not allowed off-site access to the Licensed Material.

Authentication Information means passwords, user names and any other information necessary to access Licensed Material by means of the Secure Authentication.

Commercial Use means use for the purpose of earning monetary reward or generating profit (whether by or for the Consortium, a Member or its Authorised Users) by means of the sale, resale, loan, transfer, licence, hire or other form of exploitation of the Licensed Material, but, for the avoidance of doubt, excluding:

- use for which the Member is entitled only to be reimbursed its costs (which may include overhead costs); and

- use of the Licensed Material in the course of research funded by a commercial or for-profit organisation.

Consortium	means the group of Members, as set out in Schedule 4: Consortium Members, and which may be updated from time to time by written notice by Maynooth University to reflect changes in at the membership of the Consortium.
Educational Purposes	means education, teaching, tuition, training, instruction, learning, private study and/or research, including distance learning and teaching.
Initial Subscription Period	means the period set out in Schedule 1: Subscription Period and Fee.
Intellectual Property Rights	means any copyright and other intellectual property rights, howsoever arising and in whatever media, whether or not registered or capable of registration, including (without limitation) trade marks, patents, service marks, trade names, database rights, rights in computer software, registered design and any applications or rights to apply for the protection of the registration of these rights and all renewals and extensions thereof throughout the world.
Licence Fee	means the fee for access to and use of the Licensed Material as set out in Schedule 1: Subscription Period and Fee.
Licensed Material	means the electronic journals, which include Maintained Titles, and any other resources, subscribed to by a Member under this Agreement and as identified in Schedule 2: Licensed Material.
Maintained Titles	means those Licensed Material which the Member has selected for use under this Agreement and are identified as Maintained Titles for which the Member has post termination access]. Maintained Titles are listed in Schedule 2: Licensed Material.
Material	means the journals or other material on offer from the Publisher as part of this Agreement as listed in Error! Not a valid result for t able. and as may be added to from time to time.

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| Member | means a university, other educational institution or research organisation that is a member of the Consortium and listed in Schedule 4: Consortium Members, (which may be updated from time to time by written notice by Maynooth University to reflect changes in the membership of the Consortium). |
| Renewal Period | has the meaning given to it in Clause 9.1. |
| Secure Authentication | means access to the Licensed Material by Irish Access Management Federation compliant technology (Edugate), Internet Protocol ("IP") ranges or by a username and password provided by the Members; or by another means of authentication agreed between the Publisher and the Members. |
| Secure Network | means a network which is only accessible to Authorised Users by Secure Authentication. |
| Subscription Year | means the period of twelve (12) months from the first day of the Initial Subscription Period and each consecutive period of twelve (12) months thereafter during which this Agreement is in force. |
| Term | means the Initial Subscription Period and any Renewal Period. |
- 1.2 Headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not be deemed to be an indication of the meaning of the clause to which they relate.
- 1.3 Where the context so implies, words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa and words importing the masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa.

2 **LICENCE GRANT**

- 2.1 The Publisher hereby grants to each Member, subject to and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, a non-exclusive licence to access and use the Licensed Material and to allow Members and Authorised Users to access and use the Licensed Material via Secure Authentication for Educational Purposes (the "**Licence**").

- 2.2 In consideration for the Publisher's licensing of the Licensed Material pursuant to Clause 2.1, the Members undertake to pay to the Publisher the Licence Fee in accordance with the provisions of Clause 8.

3 PERMITTED USES

- 3.1 Without limitation, this Licence permits each Member for Educational Purposes to:

- 3.1.1 provide Authorised Users with integrated access and an integrated article author, article title and keyword index to the Licensed Material and all other similar material licensed from other publishers;
- 3.1.2 incorporate links to the Licensed Material on a Member's intranet or other electronic learning website operated by the relevant Member;
- 3.1.3 to supply to another library in the Republic of Ireland (whether by post, fax or, provided the electronic file is deleted immediately after printing, secure electronic transmission), a single copy of the whole of, or parts of or extracts from, Licensed Material, and to download such Licensed Material for such purpose;
- 3.1.4 provide single printed or electronic copies of single articles at the request of individual Authorised Users;
- 3.1.5 display, download and print parts of the Licensed Material for the purpose of promoting or testing the Licensed Material, or for training Authorised Users;
- 3.1.6 to convert or adapt Licensed Material into Braille or other formats or forms suitable for providing access to, and use by, Authorised Users with impaired mental and/or physical abilities and to provide access to such converted or adapted form;
- 3.1.7 allow Authorised Users for Educational Purposes only to:

- (i) access the Licensed Material by Secure Authentication in order to search, browse, retrieve, display and view the Licensed Material;
- (ii) electronically download, store and save parts of the Licensed Material for the exclusive use of that Authorised User;
- (iii) print out single copies of parts of the Licensed Material;
- (iv) incorporate parts of or extracts from the Licensed Material in electronic or printed course packs or management systems to be used in the course of instruction and/or virtual learning and/or research environments hosted on a Secure Network. Authorised Users must specify the title and copyright owner of the Licensed Material used in the course packs;
- (v) incorporate parts of or extracts from the Licensed Material in printed or electronic form in assignments, portfolios, theses, dissertations and other submissions ("Academic Works"), and to make reproductions of the Academic Works for personal use, library deposit and/or to provide to sponsors of the Academic Works. Authorised Users must specify the source, listing title and author of the extract, title and author of the work, copyright notice, and each publisher of the Licensed Material used in the Academic Works;
- (vi) publicly display or publicly perform parts of the Licensed Material as part of a presentation at a seminar, conference, or workshop, or other similar event;
- (vii) save and/or deposit in perpetuity parts of the Licensed Material in electronic repositories operated by IReL or its Members and/or by an Authorised User on a Secure Network. Access to and use of such repositories shall be limited to Authorised Users; and
- (viii) use the Licensed Material to perform and engage in text or data mining activities for academic research and other

Educational Purposes and allow Authorised Users to mount, load and use the results in accordance with this Licence.

4 RESTRICTIONS

4.1 Except where this Agreement states otherwise or as otherwise agreed by the parties, each Member shall not (and shall use reasonable efforts to procure that its Authorised Users shall not):

- 4.1.1 sell or resell the Licensed Material unless the Publisher has given permission in writing to do so;
- 4.1.2 remove, obscure or alter copyright notices, acknowledgements or other means of identification, or disclaimers;
- 4.1.3 alter or adapt the Licensed Material, except to the extent necessary to make it perceptible on a computer screen, or as otherwise allowed in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, no material alteration of the words or their order is allowed;
- 4.1.4 display or distribute any part of the Licensed Material on any electronic network, including the Internet, other than by a Secure Network. For the avoidance of doubt, text mining and data mining output as referred to in Clause 3.1.7(viii) can be displayed and distributed on any electronic network, including the Internet, provided that such output does not contain copies of copyright works owned or licensed to the Publisher;
- 4.1.5 use all or any part of the Licensed Material for any Commercial Use or for any purpose other than Educational Purposes;
- 4.1.6 provide access and/or allow use of the Licensed Material by anyone other than Authorised Users; or

- 4.1.7 provide access to Walk-In Users to the Licensed Material at a location other than the Members' premises (but, for the avoidance of doubt, may provide access on such premises by wireless means).

5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PUBLISHER

5.1 The Publisher agrees to:

- 5.1.1 make the Licensed Material available to the Members and Authorised Users for the duration of the Term;
- 5.1.2 ensure the availability of the Licensed Material for an average of 98% of the time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (except when routine maintenance is carried out in which case the Publisher shall provide the Members with seven (7) days advance notice of such work and shall carry out the maintenance at a time that causes least inconvenience to Maynooth University, Members and the Authorised Users), and shall restore access to the Licensed Material as soon as possible after any interruption or suspension to the Licensed Material;
- 5.1.3 provide support to Authorised Users by e-mail or by a telephone help desk, and assist Authorised Users with general enquiries and issues in connection with the Licensed Material, including relating to access, use, functionality and content of the Licensed Material, and shall use reasonable endeavours to resolve any such enquiries and issues promptly;
- 5.1.4 use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the relevant server or servers have adequate capacity and bandwidth to support the usage of the Members and their Authorised Users;
- 5.1.5 use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the Licensed Material does not contain any viruses or other computer programming routines which are intended to damage or detrimentally interfere with, surreptitiously intercept or

expropriate any system, data or personal data and it shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure that no known viruses for which detection and antidote software is generally available are coded or introduced into the Licensed Material; and

5.1.6 in the event that a title is cancelled, the appropriate Members retain archival access to the content of that title that was published prior to the year of cancellation of such title.

5.2 The Publisher reserves the right at any time to withdraw from the Licensed Material any item or part of an item:

5.2.1 for which it no longer retains the right to publish and for which the Publisher has been unable to secure the provisions as set out in Clauses 9.8 and 9.9; or

5.2.2 for which the Publisher has reasonable grounds to believe it infringes copyright or other Intellectual Property Rights or is otherwise defamatory, obscene, unlawful or otherwise objectionable.

In the event that the Publisher decides to withdraw any part of the Licensed Material, the Publisher shall give reasonable prior written notice to the Members. If the withdrawn material represents more than five per cent (5%) of the Licensed Material, the Publisher shall promptly refund to the Members on a pro rata basis such part of the Licence Fee as relates to the period after the material is withdrawn, taking into account the amount of material withdrawn and the length of the Initial Subscription Period and any Renewal Period remaining.

5.3 Where articles by Eligible Authors are accepted for publication in Eligible Journals during the Term, the Publisher will grant the Eligible Author the option to make article version of record open access as per the terms set out in Schedule 5: Open Access Provision.

**6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PUBLISHER: INFORMATION AND LIBRARY
MANAGEMENT STANDARDS**

- 6.1 During the continuance in force of this Agreement, the Publisher shall implement the standards set out in Schedule 3: Industry Standards and Related Obligations.

7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS

- 7.1 Each Member agrees to:

- 7.1.1 take all reasonable steps to ensure that only Authorised Users are provided with access to Licensed Material;
- 7.1.2 provide passwords and other Authentication Information to Authorised Users only and to take reasonable steps to prevent Authorised Users from providing such information to any other person or entity;
- 7.1.3 provide its Secure Authentication details to the Publisher for the purpose of managing access to the Licensed Material and update those details regularly as agreed by the parties from time to time;
- 7.1.4 use all reasonable efforts to ensure that all Authorised Users are made aware of the terms upon which they may access the Licensed Material and the potential consequences of failing to adhere to such terms;
- 7.1.5 use reasonable efforts to monitor compliance with the terms of this Agreement and promptly notify the Publisher, providing full particulars available (to the extent that it is not prohibited by law or contractual obligation from doing so), on becoming aware of any of the following:
 - (i) any unauthorised access to or use of the Licensed Material or unauthorised use of Authentication Information; or
 - (ii) any act by an Authorised User which breaches the terms of this Agreement.

Upon becoming aware of any such breach, it shall take reasonable steps to investigate such breach for the purpose of ensuring that the relevant activity ceases and preventing any recurrence.

8 LICENCE FEE

- 8.1 The Members will pay the Licence Fee as set out in Schedule 1: Subscription Period and Fee. The Publisher will invoice Maynooth University (acting as agent for the other Members) for the Licence Fee payable either by post or email to the address set out below:

Post: IReL, Maynooth University, Co. Kildare, W23 VP22, Ireland

Email: irel@mu.ie

- 8.2 The terms of payments to the Publisher are set out in Schedule 1.

9 TERM AND TERMINATION

- 9.1 The Agreement shall commence on the first day of the Initial Subscription Period and shall continue for the Initial Subscription Period. Thereafter, this Agreement may be renewed by the parties for such further period as they may agree to in writing (the “**Renewal Period**”).
- 9.2 Maynooth University (acting as agent on behalf of the Members) may terminate this Agreement without cause by notifying the Publisher, in writing, at least sixty (60) days before the end of the relevant Subscription Year, in which case this Agreement shall terminate upon the expiry of the applicable Subscription Year.
- 9.3 Maynooth University (acting as agent on behalf of the Members) may terminate this Agreement with immediate effect by written notice to the Publisher if the Publisher is in material breach of any obligation under this Agreement and, in the event of a material breach capable of being remedied, fails to remedy the breach within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice in writing of such breach.
- 9.4 A Member’s participation in this Agreement may be terminated with immediate effect by the Publisher on written notice if the Member is in material breach of any obligation under this Agreement and, in the event of a material breach

capable of being remedied, fails to remedy the breach within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice in writing of such breach.

- 9.5 If a Member's participation in this Agreement is terminated then that Member's further rights and obligations under this Agreement shall cease upon the effective date of such termination, but such termination:

9.5.1 shall not prejudice any rights or liabilities of any party in connection with that Member which may have arisen on or before the effective date of such termination; and

9.5.2 shall have no effect on the continuation in force of the Agreement.

- 9.6 Upon termination of this Agreement (except where a Member's participation in this Agreement is terminated under clause 9.4) the Publisher will provide (at the option of Maynooth University) the Members and Authorised Users with access to and use of the full text of the Maintained Titles which were published and paid for within the term of this Agreement and under any preceding agreements (where applicable) between the Publisher and the Members, without charge, by one or more of the following options:

9.6.1 continuing online access to archival copies of the same Maintained Titles on the Publisher's server; or

9.6.2 by supplying archival copies of the same Maintained Titles to the Members in an electronic medium mutually agreed between the parties; or

9.6.3 supplying archival copies of the same Maintained Titles to a central archiving facility operated on behalf of the Members or other archival facility; or

granting access to the same Maintained Titles through one of the e-journals archiving solutions as listed in Schedule 3: Industry Standards and Related Obligations. For the avoidance of doubt, access to and use of archival copies shall be subject to the terms and conditions as set out in Clauses 3 and 4 of this Agreement.

- 9.7 Members are permitted to:

- 9.7.1 mount the archival copies of the Licensed Material supplied by the Publisher in accordance with Clauses 9.6.1 and 9.6.3;
 - 9.7.2 communicate, make available and provide access to such Licensed Material via a Secure Network to Authorised Users in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
 - 9.7.3 make copies of or re-format the Licensed Material contained in the archival copies supplied by the Publisher in any way to ensure their future preservation and accessibility in accordance with this Agreement.
- 9.8 In the event that ownership of a part or parts of the Licensed Material is sold by the Publisher or otherwise transferred to another publisher, the Publisher will use all reasonable efforts to retain a non-exclusive copy of the volumes published during the term of this Agreement and make them available without charge to Members:
 - 9.8.1 through the Publisher's server; or
 - 9.8.2 by supplying such material without charge to Members in accordance with the procedure described in Clause 9.6.
- 9.9 In the event that the Publisher ceases to publish a part or parts of the Licensed Material (including back issues of a title as part of the Licensed Material), the Publisher will:
 - 9.9.1 maintain a digital archive of such Licensed Material;
 - 9.9.2 make the digital archive available to Members without charge either through the Publisher's server, via a third party server (including e-journals archiving initiatives as listed in Schedule 3: Industry Standards and Related Obligations) or by supplying the digital archive to Member without charge in accordance with the procedure described in Clause 9.6.
- 9.10 The archival copies supplied in accordance with Clauses 9.6.1 to 9.6.3 will contain all textual content of the Licensed Material but may not contain all links and other features and functionality associated with the online version available via the Publisher's server. Access and use of such copies will be free of charge.

- 9.11 On termination of this Agreement by Maynooth University due to a material breach by the Publisher, the Publisher will promptly reimburse Maynooth University such proportion of the Licence Fee as relates to period after termination of the Agreement on a pro rata basis.
- 9.12 Upon termination of this Agreement, copies of parts of the Licensed Material made by Members or Authorised Users may be retained. Such copies may be used after termination of this Agreement subject to the terms of Clauses 3 and 4 of this Agreement, which terms shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

10 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 10.1 Each Member acknowledges that all Intellectual Property Rights in the Licensed Material are the property of the Publisher or duly licensed to the Publisher and that this Agreement does not assign or transfer to any Member any right, title or interest therein except as otherwise set out in this Agreement.
- 10.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the Publisher hereby acknowledges that any Intellectual Property Rights created by a Member as a result of local mounting of the Licensed Material as referred to in Clause 9.7 shall be the property of that Member.
- 10.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the Publisher hereby acknowledges that any Intellectual Property Rights created by Authorised Users as a result of text mining/data mining of the Licensed Material as referred to in Clause 3.1.7(viii) shall be the property of the relevant Authorised User or its Member, as applicable.

11 REPRESENTATION, WARRANTIES AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 11.1 The Publisher warrants to the Members that the Licensed Material and all Intellectual Property Rights therein are as far as it is aware owned by or licensed to the Publisher and that the Licensed Material used as contemplated in this Agreement shall not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights or other rights of any natural or legal person. The Publisher agrees that the Members shall have no liability and the Publisher will indemnify, defend and hold the

Members harmless against any and all damages, liabilities, claims, causes of action, legal fees and costs incurred by any Member in defending against any third party claim of Intellectual Property Rights infringements or threats of claims thereof with respect to the Member's or its Authorised Users' use of the Licensed Material, provided that:

- 11.1.1 the use of the Licensed Material has been in full compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement;
 - 11.1.2 the Member provides the Publisher with prompt notice of any such claim or threat of claim;
 - 11.1.3 the Member co-operates fully with the Publisher in the defence or settlement of such claim; and
 - 11.1.4 the Publisher has sole and complete control over the defence or settlement of such claim.
- 11.2 The Publisher reserves the right to change the content of all or any part of the Licensed Material (including removal of an entire journal on ceasing to have the right to publish), presentation, user facilities or availability of parts of the Licensed Material and to make changes in any software used to make the Licensed Material available at their sole discretion. The Publisher will give four (4) months' notice to the Members of any substantial change to the Licensed Material.
- 11.3 Each Member agrees to notify the Publisher immediately and to provide all information available in the event that it becomes aware of any actual or threatened claims by any third party in connection with any works contained in the Licensed Material and it shall do all things reasonably required to assist the Publisher in such claims, and such Member shall be reimbursed on demand for all expenses incurred in doing so. It is expressly agreed that upon such notification, or if the Publisher becomes aware of such a claim from other sources, the Publisher may remove such work(s) from the Licensed Material. Failure to report knowledge of any actual or threatened claim by any third party shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.
- 11.4 Nothing in this Agreement shall make any Member liable for breach of the terms of this Agreement by any Authorised User provided that it did not cause,

knowingly assist or condone the continuation of such breach after becoming aware of an actual breach having occurred.

11.5 Each Member shall have several liability under and in connection with this Agreement.

11.6 Subject to Clause 11.7 or liability for any intellectual property claims, each party's liability for any claim whether in contract, tort (including for negligence or breach of statutory duty howsoever arising), restitution or otherwise, for any loss or damage, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be limited to an amount equal to the total Licence Fee paid and payable under this Agreement during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date on which the claim arose in respect of any event or series of connected events provided always that no party shall be liable for:

11.6.1 any special, indirect, incidental, punitive or consequential damages;

11.6.2 loss of direct or indirect profits, business, contracts, revenue or anticipated savings; or

11.6.3 any increased costs or expenses.

11.7 No party limits its liability for:

11.7.1 death or personal injury to the extent it results from its negligence, or that of its employees or agents in the course of their engagement; or

11.7.2 its own fraud or that of its employees or agents in the course of their engagement.

11.8 Save as expressly set out in this Agreement, all other warranties, conditions, representations, statements, terms and provisions, whether express or implied by statute, common law, course of dealings or otherwise, are hereby excluded to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

12 FORCE MAJEURE

- 12.1 A party's failure to perform any term or condition of this Agreement as result of circumstances beyond the control of the relevant party (including without limitation, explosions, epidemic or pandemic, nuclear contamination, floods, fire or accident, war or threat of war, sabotage, civil disturbance, prohibitions or measures of any kind on the part of any governmental, parliamentary or local authority, import or export regulations or embargoes or industrial actions or trade disputes (whether involving employees of either party or of a third party), and power, telecommunications or Internet failures or damages to or destruction of any network facilities) ("Force Majeure") shall not be deemed to be, or to give rise to, a breach of this Agreement.
- 12.2 If a party to this Agreement is prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement by Force Majeure and if such party gives written notice thereof to the other party specifying the matters constituting Force Majeure together with such evidence as it reasonably can give and specifying the period for which it is estimated that such prevention or delay will continue, then the party in question shall be excused the performance or the punctual performance as the case may be as from the date of such notice for so long as such cause of prevention or delay shall continue.

13 ASSIGNMENT

- 13.1 Save as permitted under this Agreement, neither this Agreement nor any of the rights and obligations under it may be assigned by a party without obtaining the prior written consent of the other parties; such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In any permitted assignment, the assignor shall procure and ensure that the assignee shall assume all rights and obligations of the assignor under this Agreement and agrees to be bound to all the terms of this Agreement.

14 GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- 14.1 This Agreement and any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the Republic of Ireland.

- 14.2 The parties irrevocably agree that any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement will be subject to and within the jurisdiction of the courts of the Republic of Ireland.

15 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 15.1 If any dispute arises out of or in connection with this Agreement or the performance, validity or enforceability of it ("Dispute"), the parties shall first attempt to settle it by negotiation. To this end they shall use their respective reasonable endeavours to consult or negotiate with each other in good faith, and recognising their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable settlement satisfactory to both parties. Negotiations shall be conducted between the Managing Director (or equivalent position) of the Publisher, or its nominated representative, and the current Director of the Consortium, or their nominated representative.
- 15.2 If the dispute cannot be resolved by the parties within one month of being escalated as referred to in Clause 15.1, the dispute may by agreement between the parties be referred to a neutral adviser or mediator (the "Mediator") chosen by agreement between the parties. All negotiations connected with the dispute shall be conducted in confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the parties in any further proceedings.
- 15.3 Where the parties agree that a Dispute would best be resolved by the decision of an independent expert, they will use reasonable efforts to agree upon the nature of the expert required, on the appointment of the expert and, with the expert, the terms of his appointment.
- 15.4 Any person to whom a reference is made under Clause 15.3 shall act as expert and not as an arbitrator and his decision (which shall be given by the expert in writing and shall state the reasons for the decision) shall be final and binding on the parties except in the case of manifest error or fraud.
- 15.5 Each party shall provide such expert with such information and documentation as the expert may reasonably require for the purposes of forming his or her decision.

- 15.6 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.
- 15.7 Subject to Clause 15.1, except where urgent interim measures are sought, and 15.4, nothing in this Clause 15 shall prevent either party commencing or continuing court proceedings in relation to the Dispute under Clause 14.

16 NOTICES

- 16.1 All notices required to be given under this Agreement shall be given in writing in English and sent by email, courier, registered mail or special delivery to the relevant addressee at its address set out below, or to such other address as may be notified by either party to the other from time to time under this Agreement, and all such notices shall be deemed to have been received three (3) days after the date of posting in the case of special delivery or despatch in the case of courier:

if to the Publisher:

Name of recipient	[REDACTED]
Postal address	Royal Society of Chemistry. Thomas Graham House, Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 0WF, UK
Email address	[REDACTED]cc: jnl_licences@rsc.org

if to Maynooth University (acting on its own behalf and as agent on behalf of the other Members):

Name of recipient	IReL Manager
Postal address	IReL, Maynooth University Library, Co. Kildare, W23 VP22, Ireland
Email address	irel@mu.ie

For avoidance of doubt, a copy of all notices to the Publisher shall sent via email to jnl_licences@rsc.org.

17 GENERAL

- 17.1 This Agreement and its Schedules and Annexes constitute the entire agreement between the parties relating to the Licensed Material and supersede all prior communications, understandings and agreements (whether written or oral) relating to its subject matter and may not be amended or modified except by agreement of both parties in writing.
- 17.2 Termination or expiry of this Agreement shall not affect any party's accrued rights or liabilities or affect the coming into force of any provision which is expressly or intended by implication to come into or continue in force on or after expiration or termination.
- 17.3 The Schedules and Annexes shall have the same force and effect as if expressly set in the body of this Agreement and any reference to this Agreement shall include the Schedules and Annexes.
- 17.4 The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the continuation in force of the remainder of this Agreement.
- 17.5 If the whole or any part of a provision of this Agreement is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable under the law of any jurisdiction, that shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability under the law of that jurisdiction of the remainder of the provision in question or any other provision of this Agreement and the legality, validity or enforceability under the law of any other jurisdiction of that or any other provision of this Agreement.
- 17.6 This Agreement is not intended to, and does not, create, a partnership or the relationship of principal and agent or any contract of employment or other legal relationship between any of the parties.
- 17.7 This Agreement may be executed in original counterparts and all the counterparts together constitute the same document. This Agreement shall not be effective until each party has executed and delivered at least one original counterpart.
- 17.8 The rights of the parties arising under this Agreement shall not be waived except in writing. Any waiver of any of a party's rights under this Agreement or of any breach of this Agreement by the other party shall not be construed as a waiver of any other rights or of any other or further breach. Failure by either

party to exercise or enforce any rights conferred upon it by this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such rights or operate so as to bar the exercise or enforcement thereof at any subsequent time or times.

Schedule 1: Subscription Period and Fee

1. The agreed Initial Subscription Period is:

1st January 2025 to 31st December 2028

2. The Licence Fees comprise of the following. The Members of each Access Group are specified in Schedule 4.

RSC Institutions	Base Fee 2025	Publishing Fee 2025	Base Fee 2026	Publishing Fee 2026	Base Fee 2027	Publishing Fee 2027	Base Fee 2028	Publishing Fee 2028
University College Dublin	£15,000	£9,202	£15,000	£10,775	£15,000	£12,450	£15,000	£14,127
Trinity College Dublin	£15,000	£9,202	£15,000	£10,775	£15,000	£12,450	£15,000	£14,127
University of Limerick	£15,000	£9,202	£15,000	£10,775	£15,000	£12,450	£15,000	£14,127
Dublin City University	£15,000	£9,202	£15,000	£10,775	£15,000	£12,450	£15,000	£14,127
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	£15,000	£9,202	£15,000	£10,775	£15,000	£12,450	£15,000	£14,127
University College Cork	£15,000	£9,202	£15,000	£10,775	£15,000	£12,450	£15,000	£14,127
National University of Ireland - Galway	£15,000	£9,202	£15,000	£10,775	£15,000	£12,450	£15,000	£14,127
Maynooth University	£15,000	£9,202	£15,000	£10,775	£15,000	£12,450	£15,000	£14,127
Technological University Dublin	£15,000	£25,112	£15,000	£21,101	£15,000	£17,491	£15,000	£14,127
	£135,000	£98,728	£135,000	£107,301	£135,000	£117,091	£135,000	£127,143

Such Licence Fees shall fall due and payable by Maynooth University, as agent on behalf of the Members, within sixty (60) days of receipt by Maynooth University of the Publisher's invoice. The Licence Fees are shown exclusive of VAT.

3. Where the Term of this Agreement extends beyond the Initial Subscription Period in accordance with Clause 9, the licence fee for any Renewal Period shall be agreed in writing between the parties.

Schedule 2: Licensed Material

The Licensed Material consists of the following. The details of the Access Group to which each Member belongs are specified in Schedule 4.

Section A

Customer has access to the electronic versions of the following Hybrid Journals:

Journals	E-ISSN	Eligible Journals	Access Group 1		Access Group 2		Copyright Owner*
			Access years during Term	Maintained Titles	Access years during Term	Maintained Titles	
Analyst	1364-5528	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Analytical Methods¹	1759-9679	√	2009-2028	2025-2028	2009-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Annual Reports on the Progress of Chemistry, A B C	1460-4760	-	-	-	2008-2013	-	RSC
	1460 4779	-	-	-	2008-2013	-	RSC
	1460-4787	-	-	-	2008-2013	-	RSC
Biomaterials Science¹	2047-4849	√	-	-	2013-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Catalysis Science & Technology¹	2044-4761	√	-	-	2011-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Chemical Communications	1364-548X	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Chemical Science^{1, 2}	2041-6539	-	2010-2014	-	2010-2014	-	RSC
Chemical Society Reviews	1460-4744	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
CrystEngComm	1466-8033	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Dalton Transactions	1477-9234	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Energy & Environmental Science¹	1754-5706	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Environmental Science: Nano¹	2051-8161	√	-	-	2014-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Environmental Science: Processes & Impacts including Journal of Environmental Monitoring (1464-0333) 2008-2012	2050-7895	√	2013-2028	2025-2028	2013-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Environmental Science: Water Research & Technology¹	2053-1419	√	-	-	2015-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Faraday Discussions	1364-5498	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Food & Function¹	2042-650X	√	-	-	2010-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Green Chemistry	1463-9270	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Inorganic Chemistry Frontiers¹	2052-1553	√	-	-	2014-2028	2025-2028	PKU
Journal of Analytical Atomic Spectrometry	1364-5544	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Journal of Materials Chemistry A	2050-7496	√	2013-2028	2025-2028	2013-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Journal of Materials Chemistry B	2050-7518	√	2013-2028	2025-2028	2013-2028	2025-2028	RSC

Journals	E-ISSN	Eligible Journals	Access Group 1		Access Group 2		Copyright Owner*
			Access years during Term	Maintained Titles	Access years during Term	Maintained Titles	
Journal of Materials Chemistry C including Journal of Materials Chemistry (1364-5501) 2008-2012	2050-7534	√	2013-2028	2025-2028 -	2013-2028	2025-2028 -	RSC
Lab on a Chip	1473-0189	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Materials Chemistry Frontiers ¹	2052-1537	√	-	-	2017-2028	2025-2028	IC
Materials Horizons ¹	2051-6355	√	-	-	2014-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Molecular Omics including Molecular BioSystems (1742-2051) 2008-2017	2515-4184	√	2018-2028	2025-2028 -	2018-2028	2025-2028 -	RSC
Molecular Systems Design & Engineering ¹	2058-9689	√	-	-	2016-2028	2025-2028	ICHEME
Nanoscale ¹	2040-3372	√	2009-2028	2025-2028	2009-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Nanoscale Horizons ¹	2055-6764	√	-	-	2016-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Natural Product Reports	1460-4752	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
New Journal of Chemistry	1369-9261	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	CNRS
Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry	1477-0539	√	-	-	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Organic Chemistry Frontiers ¹	2052-4129	√	2014-2028	2025-2028	2014-2028	2025-2028	SIOC
Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics	1463-9084	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	Owner Societies
Polymer Chemistry ¹	1759-9962	√	2010-2028	2025-2028	2010-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Reaction Chemistry & Engineering ¹	2058-9883	√	-	-	2016-2028	2025-2028	RSC
RSC Advances ^{1, 3}	2046-2069	-	-	-	2011-2016	-	RSC
RSC Medicinal Chemistry including MedChemComm ¹ (2040-2511) 2010-2019	2632-8682	√	-	-	2020-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Soft Matter	1744-6848	√	2008-2028	2025-2028	2008-2028	2025-2028	RSC
Sustainable Energy & Fuels ¹	2398-4902	√	-	-	2017-2028	2025-2028	RSC

¹ Access is free for the first two (2) years/volumes.

² From January 2015 *Chemical Science* is a Gold Open Access journal.

³ From January 2017 *RSC Advances* is a Gold Open Access journal.

Customer also has access to the following Gold OA Journals, which are all also Eligible Journals as per the terms of Schedule 5: Open Access Provision:

Journals	E-ISSN	Access	APC Charged	Copyright Owner
Chemical Science	2041-6539	2015-2028	Currently waived	RSC
Digital Discovery	2635-098X	2022-2028	Yes	RSC
EES Catalysis	2753-801X	2023-2028	From mid-2025	RSC
EES Batteries	3033-4071	2025-2028	From mid-2027	RSC
EES Solar	3033-4063	2025-2028	From mid-2027	RSC
Energy Advances	2753-1457	2022-2028	Yes	RSC
Environmental Science: Advances	2754-7000	2022-2028	Yes	RSC
Environmental Science: Atmospheres	2634-3606	2021-2028	Yes	RSC
Industrial Chemistry & Materials	2755-2608	2023-2028	Currently waived	IPE
Materials Advances	2633-5409	2020-2028	Yes	RSC
Nanoscale Advances	2156-0230	2018-2028	Yes	RSC
RSC Advances	2046-2069	2017-2028	Yes	RSC
RSC Applied Interfaces	2755-3701	2024-2028	From mid-2025	RSC
RSC Applied Polymers	2755-371X	2023-2028	From mid-2025	RSC
RSC Chemical Biology	2633-0679	2020-2028	Yes	RSC
RSC Mechanochemistry	2976-8683	2024-2028	From mid-2026	RSC
RSC Pharmaceuticals	2976-8713	2024-2028	From mid-2026	RSC
RSC Sustainability	2753-8125	2023-2028	From mid-2025	RSC
Sensors & Diagnostics	2635-0998	2022-2028	Yes	RSC
Sustainable Food Technology	2753-8095	2023-2028	From mid-2025	RSC

Future updates can be found at <https://rsc.li/apcsandfunding>.

Section B

The electronic versions of the following Databases. For avoidance of doubt Members do not get post-cancellation access to the Databases.

Databases	E-ISSN	Years	Copyright Owner*	Access Group
Chemistry World¹	1749-5318	2025-2028 database	RSC	1
Education in Chemistry²	1749-5326	2025-2028 database	RSC	2

¹ This Database is only available to institutions in Access Group 1.

² This Database is only available to institutions in Access Group 2.

Section C

The electronic version of the following Journal Archive is available to Members in Access Group 2 only. For avoidance of doubt Members do not get post-cancellation access to the Journal Archive:

Journal Archive	E-ISSN	Years	Access
Journal Archive – Lease Fee Arrangement	Not applicable	1841-2007	External

Journal Archive Content

Journal	Date	Copyright Owner*
Analyst (Analyst, Cambridge, UK)	1876-2007	RSC
Analytical Communications (Anal. Commun.)	1996-1999	RSC
Analytical Proceedings (Anal. Proc.)	1980-1993	RSC

Journal	Date	Copyright Owner*
Analytical Proceedings including Analytical Communications (Anal. Proc. incl. Anal. Commun.)	1994-1995	RSC
Annual Reports on Analytical Atomic Spectroscopy (Annu. Rep. Anal. At. Spectrosc.)	1971-1984	RSC
Annual Reports on the Progress of Chemistry (Annu. Rep. Prog. Chem.)	1904-1966	RSC
Annual Reports on the Progress of Chemistry, Section A (Annu. Rep. Prog. Chem., Sect. A: Gen., Phys. Inorg. Chem.)	1967-1972	RSC
Annual Reports on the Progress of Chemistry, Section A (Annu. Rep. Prog. Chem., Sect. A: Inorg. Chem.)	1979-2007	RSC
Annual Reports on the Progress of Chemistry, Section A (Annu. Rep. Prog. Chem., Sect. A: Phys. Inorg. Chem.)	1973-1978	RSC
Annual Reports on the Progress of Chemistry, Section B (Annu. Rep. Prog. Chem., Sect. B: Org. Chem.)	1967-2007	RSC
Annual Reports on the Progress of Chemistry, Section C (Annu. Rep. Prog. Chem., Sect. C: Phys. Chem.)	1979-2007	RSC
Chemical Communications (Cambridge) [Chem. Commun. (Cambridge)]	1996-2007	RSC
Chemical Communications (London) [Chem. Commun. (London)]	1965-1968	RSC
Chemical Society Reviews (Chem. Soc. Rev.)	1972-2007	RSC
Contemporary Organic Synthesis (Contemp. Org. Synth.)	1994-1997	RSC
CrystEngComm (CrystEngComm)	1999-2007	RSC
Dalton Transactions (Dalton Trans.)	2003-2007	RSC
Discussions of the Faraday Society (Discuss. Faraday Soc.)	1947-1971	RSC
Faraday Discussions (Faraday Discuss.)	1991-2007	RSC
Faraday Discussions of the Chemical Society (Faraday Discuss. Chem. Soc.)	1972-1991	RSC
Faraday Special Discussions of the Chemical Society (Faraday Spec. Discuss. Chem. Soc.)	1972	RSC
Faraday Symposia of the Chemical Society (Faraday Symp. Chem. Soc.)	1972-1984	RSC
Geochemical Transactions (Geochem. Trans.)	2000-2003	ACS GD
Green Chemistry (Green Chem.)	1999-2007	RSC
Journal and Proceedings of the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain and Ireland (J. Proc. Inst. Chem. GB Irel.)	1920-1943	RSC
Journal and Proceedings of the Royal Institute of Chemistry (J. Proc. R. Inst. Chem.)	1949	RSC
Journal and Proceedings of the Royal Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain and Ireland (J. Proc. R. Inst. Chem. GB Irel.)	1944-1948	RSC
Journal of Analytical Atomic Spectrometry (J. Anal. At. Spectrom.)	1986-2007	RSC
Journal of Environmental Monitoring (J. Environ. Monit.)	1999-2007	RSC
Journal of Materials Chemistry (J. Mater. Chem.)	1991-2007	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society (J. Chem. Soc.)	1862-1877	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society (resumed) (J. Chem. Soc.)	1926-1965	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society A: Inorganic, Physical, Theoretical (J. Chem. Soc. A)	1966-1971	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society B: Physical Chemistry (J. Chem. Soc. B)	1966-1971	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society C: Organic (J. Chem. Soc. C)	1966-1971	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society D: Chemical Communications (J. Chem. Soc. D)	1969-1971	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society, Abstracts (J. Chem. Soc., Abstr.)	1878-1925	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society, Chemical Communications (J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.)	1972-1995	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society, Dalton Transactions: Inorganic Chemistry (J. Chem. Soc., Dalton Trans.)	1972-2002	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society, Faraday Transactions (J. Chem. Soc., Faraday Trans.)	1990-1998	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society, Faraday Transactions 1: Physical Chemistry in Condensed Phases (J. Chem. Soc., Faraday Trans. 1)	1972-1989	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society, Faraday Transactions 2: Molecular and Chemical Physics (J. Chem. Soc., Faraday Trans. 2)	1972-1989	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society, Perkin Transactions 1: Organic and Bio-organic Chemistry (J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1)	1972-2002	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society, Perkin Transactions 2: Physical Organic Chemistry (J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 2)	1972-2002	RSC
Journal of the Chemical Society, Transactions (J. Chem. Soc., Trans.)	1878-1925	RSC
Journal of the Royal Institute of Chemistry (J. R. Inst. Chem.)	1950-1964	RSC
Jubilee of the Chemical Society (Jubilee Chem. Soc.)	1896	RSC
Lab on a Chip (Lab on a Chip)	2001-2007	RSC
Memoirs and Proceedings of the Chemical Society (Mem. Proc. Chem. Soc.)	1843-1848	RSC
Memoirs of the Chemical Society of London (Mem. Chem. Soc. London)	1841	RSC
Molecular Biosystems	2005-2007	RSC
Natural Product Reports (Nat. Prod. Rep.)	1984-2007	RSC
New Journal of Chemistry (New J. Chem.)	1998-2007	CNRS
Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry (Org. Biomol. Chem.)	2003-2007	RSC
Pesticide Outlook (Pest. Outlook)	2000-2003	RSC
Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences (Photochem. Photobiol. Chem.)	2002-2007	ESP/EPA
PhysChemComm (PhysChemComm)	1998-2003	RSC
Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics (Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.)	1999-2007	Owner Societies
Proceedings of the Analytical Division of the Chemical Society (Proc. Anal. Div. Chem. Soc.)	1975-1979	RSC
Proceedings of the Chemical Society (Proc. Chem. Soc.)	1957-1964	RSC
Proceedings of the Chemical Society, London (Proc. Chem. Soc., London)	1885-1914	RSC

Journal	Date	Copyright Owner*
Proceedings of the Chemical Society of London (Proc. Chem. Soc. London)	1842	RSC
Proceedings of the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain and Ireland (Proc. Inst. Chem. GB Irel.)	1877-1919	RSC
Proceedings of the Society for Analytical Chemistry (Proc. Soc. Anal. Chem.)	1964-1974	RSC
Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society (Q. J. Chem. Soc.)	1849-1862	RSC
Quarterly Review of the Chemical Society (Q. Rev. Chem. Soc.)	1947-1971	RSC
Royal Institute of Chemistry Reviews (RIC Rev.)	1968-1971	RSC
Selected Annual Reviews of the Analytical Sciences (Sel. Annu. Rev. Anal. Sci.)	1971-1974	RSC
Soft Matter	2005-2007	RSC
Special Discussions of the Faraday Society (Spec. Discuss. Faraday Soc.)	1970	RSC
Symposia of the Faraday Society (Symp. Faraday Soc.)	1967-1971	RSC
Transactions of the Faraday Society (Trans. Faraday Soc.)	1905-1971	RSC

* RSC	The Royal Society of Chemistry
ACS GD	American Chemical Society, Division of Geochemistry
CNRS	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
ESP/EPA	European Society for Photobiology, European Photochemistry Association,
IC	Chinese Chemical Society, Institute of Chemistry of Chinese Academy of Sciences and Royal Society of Chemistry
IChemE	Institution of Chemical Engineers and Royal Society of Chemistry
IPE	Institute of Process Engineering of Chinese Academy of Sciences and Royal Society of Chemistry
Owner Societies	Owner Societies Canadian Society for Chemistry, Deutsche Bunsen-Gesellschaft für Physikalische Chemie, Institute of Chemistry of Ireland, Israel Chemical Society, Kemisk Forening, Koninklijke Nederlandse Chemische Vereniging, Korean Chemical Society, New Zealand Institute of Chemistry, Norsk Kjemisk Selskap, Polskie Towarzystwo Chemiczne, Real Sociedad Española de Química, Royal Australian Chemical Institute, Royal Society of Chemistry, Società Chimica Italiana, Suomen Kemian Seura - Kemisk Sällskapet i Finland, Svenska Kemistsamfundet, Swiss Chemical Society, and Türkiye Kimya Derneği
PKU	Chinese Chemical Society, Peking University and Royal Society of Chemistry
SIOC	Chinese Chemical Society, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry and Royal Society of Chemistry

Schedule 3: Industry Standards and Related Obligations

(urls and web addresses below are for guidance and may change)

The Publisher agrees to implement the following industry standards to enhance access and use of the Licensed Material and shall:

1. provide Maynooth University with access to usage statistics compliant with the most recent release of the COUNTER Code of Practice (www.projectcounter.org), organised by month;
2. implement the Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative (SUSHI) protocol (www.niso.org/workrooms/sushi);
3. archive the Licensed Material to ensure that it is preserved for future scholarship in of the following archiving solution(s):
 - a. Portico
 - b. Clockss
 - c. Lockss
4. subject to paragraph 3 and the provisions of Clause 9, provide the means for Members to continue to access the Licensed Material via an archiving service for use only in the event that the Publisher ceases trading, and inform Members where the Licensed Material has been archived, and provide Members with sufficient authority and information to enable Members to access such Licensed Material;
5. use all reasonable efforts to meet the W3C standards (www.w3.org/WAI/Resources/#in) to ensure that the Licensed Material is accessible to all Authorised Users;
6. use all reasonable efforts to meet the Open URL Standard (http://www.niso.org/kst/reports/standards?step=2&project_key=d5320409c5160be4697dc046613f71b9a773cd9e) to ensure that Authorised Users can search for and find the Licensed Material. For avoidance of doubt Publisher can only accept outgoing Open URLs;
7. use all reasonable efforts to keep to the Code of Practice of Project Transfer (www.projecttransfer.org) to ensure that journal content remains easily accessible by the Members and its Authorised Users when there is a transfer of material between parties, and to ensure that the transfer process occurs with minimum disruption;
8. provide link-resolver vendors and other library systems suppliers yearly with full details of the Licensed Material in accordance with KBART standard

(<http://www.uksg.org/kbart/s5/guidelines>); and also with related data of (i) the first and final year, volume, and issue and (ii) the algorithm or syntax for constructing an article-level link from an article's metadata within the Licensed Material;

9. provide relevant information to third party discovery tools (such as Scopus, Summon); and
10. meet any other reasonable standards that are generally agreed for adoption amongst the Members during the term of this Agreement.

Schedule 4: Consortium Members

- Dublin City University (Access Group 1)
- National University of Ireland Galway (Access Group 1)
- Maynooth University (Access Group 1)
- Trinity College Dublin (Access Group 1)
- University College Cork (Access Group 1)
- University College Dublin (Access Group 1)
- University of Limerick (Access Group 1)
- Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (Access Group 1)
- Technological University Dublin (Access Group 2)

IReL funding bodies (to be included as Members no additional fee)

- Higher Education Authority (Access Group 1)
- Taighde Éireann (Access Group 1)

For clarity, the IReL funding bodies will have access to the Licensed Materials, but will be excluded from the Agreement's Open Access Provision.

Schedule 5: Open Access Provision

Definitions

Open Access Article	An Eligible Article published with either a Creative Commons Attribution license CC-BY (https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/) or a CC BY-NC license (https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/3.0/), granting the Publisher non-exclusive right of use. Authors of Open Access Articles retain copyright to the article.
Eligible Article	An article that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• accepted for publication in an Eligible Journal during the Term, and• of an Eligible Article Type, and• written by an Eligible Author.
Eligible Article Types	The following article types: all research articles and review papers
Eligible Author	The primary corresponding author who asserts affiliation to a Member institution via the email domain used at submission of the manuscript.
Eligible Journals	Journals eligible for open access publication under the agreement, as listed in Schedule 2.

1. OA allocation

- 1.1. Intentionally left blank.
- 1.2. Eligible Authors may publish an unlimited number of Open Access Articles under the terms of this Agreement in each calendar year of the Term.

2. Open Access Publishing

- 2.1. Eligible Authors of Eligible Articles shall be invited to publish the article open access without additional charges.
- 2.2. The Publisher will not charge Eligible Authors, or Maynooth University or the Members service fees (i.e., page charges and colour-in-print). For avoidance of doubt, the services for the production of reprints, posters and covers are not covered by this Agreement.
- 2.3. Intentionally left blank.
- 2.4. The Publisher will deliver article metadata including open access license information to CrossRef and other relevant third parties.

- 2.5. The Publisher will deliver structured metadata to Members' institutional repositories for articles published as part of the agreement.
- 2.6. The Publisher will make all published Open Access Articles available to anyone on its website at all times and will clearly display the articles' Creative Commons license type.
- 2.7. The Publisher will promptly notify Maynooth University of any changes to the list of Eligible Journals.
- 2.8. Editorial Independence. Maynooth University and the Members acknowledge that the selection of material to be published in the Eligible Journals is entirely at the discretion of the Publisher and the editors of the Eligible Journals.

3. *Identification of authors and workflow*

- 3.1. The Publisher will clearly indicate the availability and terms of the Agreement's provision for open access publishing to Eligible Authors both within their author-facing submission and publication workflows, and on their website.
- 3.2. The Publisher will identify Eligible Authors through at least one of the following parameters:
 - Members' IP ranges specified;
 - Members' e-mail domains;
 - persistent identifiers, such as Ringgold, ORCID or other recognized institutional identifiers as provided by the Eligible Author;
 - affiliation as asserted by the Eligible Author during the submission/publication process or in the article manuscript
- 3.3. The Publisher will ensure that any changes to the Eligible Author's affiliation details (from submission to acceptance) are updated.
- 3.4. The Publisher will make open access publishing with a CC-BY license the default option offered to Eligible Authors.
- 3.5. The Publisher will enable Eligible Authors to opt-out of publishing open access.
- 3.6. Intentionally left blank.
- 3.7. If a corresponding author is not identified as an Eligible Author due to error/omission of the Publisher, a Member or the author, and an article is accepted for publication during the Term and published subscription

(i.e. not open access), the Publisher agrees to convert the article to open access in conformity with this Agreement.

- 3.8. The Publisher shall during the continuance in force of this Agreement collect, and promptly provide Maynooth University with the following reports in relation to the activities of Eligible Authors in connection with the Licensed Material. The Publisher will only count Eligible Articles from Eligible Authors that have been accepted for publication (article acceptance). Publisher will document how many eligible articles have been accepted for publication and will communicate this to Maynooth University on a monthly basis. The reports shall include the following details:

- Author Type
- Journal Name
- Journal Type
- Journal eISSN
- Advanced Article Publication Date
- eIssue Article Publication Date
- OA Status
- OA Payment Type
- OA Voucher Type
- OA Licence Type
- OA Related Ringgold_ID
- OA Related Institution Name
- Funder Name
- Related Funder_ID
- Commercial Document Number
- Commercial Document Status
- Amount (GBP)
- Date Commercial Document Created

- 3.9. Upon receipt of Publisher's monthly reports (as per Schedule 3.8), Members may respond to the Publisher, rejecting any Open Access Article where they do not recognise the Eligible Author's affiliation with the Member. In such cases, the article will not be counted as part of the Consortium's number of OA articles per year (as per Schedule 5.1.2).

4. *Annual Account performance reports*

- 4.1. The Publisher shall provide annual reports during the Term on Eligible Articles:

- 4.1.1. published in conformity with this Agreement;

- 4.1.2. published open access but not in conformity with this Agreement (e.g. author paid the APC or the Publisher waived APC);
- 4.1.3. published subscription (not open access) during the Term.

The annual reports shall cover the previous calendar year and shall be delivered in the first quarter of the following year. This list shall be provided both in machine readable form in a structured format as comma separated value file format (csv) and in human readable format and shall include the following details described in Appendix 1.

Appendix1:annual publishing report format and metadata fields.

Where the publisher is currently unable to meet any of the requirements set out below, they may at their discretion be able to include these in annual reports at a later date during the Term.

Article coverage requirement	Will this criteria be met? (YES / NO)
All articles where the Relevant Author is affiliated with a participating IReL member institution . (The Relevant Author is usually the Corresponding Author, but this may vary by publisher.)	Yes
All articles with a Drawdown Date in the current report year . (This is usually the Editorial Acceptance Date, but this may vary by publisher.)	Yes
All articles, regardless of OA status.	Yes
All articles, regardless of whether they availed of the IReL agreement or not , including articles where the author opted out or where a limited quota was exceeded.	Yes
All article types, i.e. both eligible and ineligible article types .	Yes
Articles from all the publisher's journals, i.e. articles from both eligible and ineligible journals .	Yes
All data included in a single spreadsheet , i.e. no need for IReL to map and collate multiple files or tabs.	Yes
Template field requirement	Will this field (or equivalent) be included in reports? (YES / NO)
Reporting period start	Yes
Reporting period end	Yes
Relevant draw-down date for an article's inclusion in the agreement's annual OA fund/allocation	Yes
DOI	Yes
Article title	Yes
Article Open Access type (Gold, Hybrid, Closed, Bronze)	Yes
Article License (where relevant, e.g. CC BY 4.0, CC BY-NC 4.0)	Yes
Article type (e.g. original paper, review article, etc.)	Yes
Article type eligible for OA in IReL agreement? (yes/no)	No
Publication date (first/online)	Yes
Relevant date for agreement (the date of submission, acceptance or publication)	Yes
Editorial acceptance date	Yes
Discipline (HSS/STEM)	No
Publisher name	No
Journal title	Yes
Journal ID (publisher-specific)	No
Print ISSN / ISBN	No
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