

Monograph Press (OMP), which is now being integrated with both Thoth and DOAB/OAPEN to provide robust, free and open metadata management and dissemination workflows for books and chapters. Interoperability between the collaborating infrastructures means publishers can be supported (by Thoth and OAPEN) in the distribution and archiving of OA book content and metadata to a variety of channels (including Crossref, the Internet Archive and Portico); have their content and metadata hosted in internationally recognised discovery and hosting solutions (including DOAB and OAPEN); access privacy-respecting usage metrics across multiple platforms (via the OPERAS Metrics service and COKI); and in creating and managing collective funding channels for OA books via the Opening the Future programme, and OBC – two models supporting presses to transition away from a reliance on author-facing fees through collective funding, with OBC also providing collective funding for open infrastructure providers.

All in all, this close collaboration between like-minded infrastructures – and with some of them (OAPEN & PKP) having existed for more than a decade – constitutes a collective, community-led open, equitable ecosystem of interoperable not-for-profit services and platforms that are jointly active in a variety of international networks and communities, including the Copim community, OPERAS, and the Barcelona Declaration group of signatories and supporters.

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## Lightning talks (Theme: DOA journals, books & platforms)

*Title:* Innovations in Diamond Open Access: The University of Debrecen's dEjournals journey

*Presented by:* Judit Fazekas-Paragh (DEENK)

*Authors/biographies:*

Judit Fazekas-Paragh is a research support librarian and head of DEENK's Research Support Department, focusing on advancing open science at the national level. As an OpenAIRE NOAD and HUNOR coordinator, she helps Hungarian stakeholders engage with the EU's open science initiatives. Her work includes expanding open access publishing, promoting FAIR principles and research data management, delivering training, and supporting open infrastructure development. She also contributes to strengthening data management standards within the national RDA. Since 2022, she has been a member of the EOSC task force on data stewardship, curricula, and career paths, and in 2023 became institutional delegate for CoARA Hungary and joined the working group on Responsible Research Assessment infrastructures. Since October 2024, she has served on the OpenAIRE Executive Board.

*Abstract:*

dEjournals is a Diamond Open Access publishing platform that has achieved significant milestones across technical development, community building, and governance. Central to its evolution was a user-centric heuristic analysis that informed a comprehensive redesign of the platform's visual identity and usability. This redesign encompassed the main landing page, journal templates, and the overall layout, resulting in an improved and more intuitive user experience tailored to the needs of authors, editors, and readers.

On the technical front, dEjournals introduced new functionalities and enriched content types that streamline the publication workflow. A key advancement is the integration of dEjournals content with the DEENK institutional publication management system. This seamless connection ensures that authors can focus on publishing, while administrative and archival processes are managed efficiently in the background. The introduction of a tripartite

agreement co-signing further formalizes the publishing workflow, enhancing trust and transparency among stakeholders.

Beyond technical improvements, dEjournals has actively fostered a vibrant scholarly community through dedicated governance structures and outreach activities. Community building and mindset change initiatives have been driven by practical case studies drawn from everyday publishing experiences, which serve as powerful tools for engagement and advocacy. We will present the case study of the University of Debrecen to the wider diamond open access publishing community to share our experiences and better position ourselves within this growing ecosystem.

Overall, dEjournals represents a successful model of how a Diamond Open Access platform can balance technical innovation with community engagement and effective governance. This integrated approach supports the sustainable growth of open scholarly communication and contributes to the broader cultural shift toward open science.

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*Title:* MUNI Journals: Building a Sustainable Infrastructure for Scholarly Journals at Masaryk University

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*Abstract:*

At Masaryk University, scholarly journals were once scattered across faculties and departments, operating independently without coordinated support. As the university-wide