Being a scientific writer

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Why a symposium about scientific writing?

PD Dr Nicolas Senn, Head of the research and development center, PMU
A mysterious world....
Do we still need scientific journals?

Chercheurs: pour votre notoriété, oubliez les revues, préférez les médias

Pour faire connaître leurs dernières découvertes, certains chercheurs n’hésitent pas à court-circuiter le système de révision par les pairs (le «peer-review») en sollicitant d’abord les médias. Une façon d’inverser le processus habituel de
Open access (OA) vs subscription journals?

- 11% of articles published in OA journals (2011)
  - “Is the editorial quality lower in OA?”
  - “Do I « buy » my publication in OA?”
  - “Is the peer review process independent in open-access journals?”
Question of money

- > 9 billions $ of revenue / year
- About 2 millions articles
- Is OA cheaper?

Dr Robert Parker, chief executive of the Royal Society of Chemistry (which is itself a barrier-based publisher, though a not-for-profit one) points out that, “Open access does not mean free, as many readers may have assumed, with many costs involved including managing systems and content.” Of course management and infrastructure can’t be provided at zero cost - no one has claimed it can - but the important point is that open access is much more cost-efficient.
Is the peer-review process reliable?

Le Monde, blog, 2015
PROGRAM

13h25 Authorship: rights and responsibilities
   Pr. Bernard Burnand, Director of Cochrane Switzerland, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, CHUV-UNIL

14h10 Editorial policy of an open-source journal
   Dr. Clare Garvey, Senior Research Editor, PLOS Medicine

14h45 Break

15h15 Review process by peers
   Dr. Trish Groves, Head of Research, BMJ & Editor-in-chief, BMJ Open

15h50 Copyright (copyright, online distribution, social networks)
   Pr. Philippe Gilliéron, Faculty of Law, University of Lausanne

16h30 Panel discussion
   Pr. Jean-Daniel Tissot, Dean of the Faculty of Biology and Medicine, CHUV-UNIL
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