

Framework

Operating Framework

The Chicago Collaborative is a working group established in May 2008 composed of representatives from key science, technology, and medicine (STM) publisher organizations, editorial associations, and an academic health sciences library organization.

The name reflects the founding meeting location and emphasizes the spirit of the initial meeting: the importance of collaboration in addressing the grand challenges and opportunities associated with scholarly scientific communication.

Rules of Engagement

The Chicago Collaborative is unique in the way that it brings individuals from different sectors of the scholarly publishing continuum together to share ideas, concerns, and potential solutions to the grand challenges that face us.

In order to foster a spirit of open engagement and trust, individuals participating in the Chicago Collective meetings agree to abide by "rules of engagement." View the rules of engagement on the Chicago Collaborative's website.



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What is the Chicago Collaborative?

The Chicago Collaborative is a working group established in 2008 to promote open communication and education among the primary stakeholders in the scholarly scientific communication area. Its membership includes representatives from a number of publishing and editing organizations and representatives from the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL).

Chicago Collaborative's Founding Members

- Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
- Association of American Medical Colleges, Council of Academic Societies
- Association of American Publishers, Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division
- Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers
- Council of Science Editors
- Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology/DC Principles
- International Association of Scientific, Technical & Medical Publishers
- International Committee of Medical Journal Editors
- Society for Scholarly Publishing

PURPOSE

The Chicago Collaborative was created from a conviction that we are at a pivotal moment in the history of scholarly communication.

It's 1453 and we're in a workshop in Mainz trying to do a better job of getting this wine press to push these metal bits evenly onto this sheet of paper.

We're in the coffee houses of London in 1664 trying to work out a scheme for gathering and reproducing reports from the greatest scientists of the day so that we can send them all across the continent in serial issues.

And it's the early 21st century, and in libraries and editorial offices and publishers meetings across the globe, we are trying to figure out how to use the internet and the web and this startling array of new digital tools to once again push scholarly communication in a new direction.

The members of the Chicago Collaborative believe that collaboration is essential to the development of a scholarly communication system that serves the best interests of the entire scholarly community.

The future of scholarly communication will, we believe, be determined not only by the opportunities and challenges before us, but by the way we approach them.

While the opportunities before us today far exceed the imaginings of those visionaries from past eras, making the most of these opportunities will require the active, constructive engagement of not just some but all stake holders.

The founding members of the Chicago Collaborative believe that success in this crucial endeavor will require a relationship of trust and a spirit of collaboration among all stakeholders. Without this essential engagement, we will fail to meet our responsibilities to society.

It is in order to create an environment where these relationships can flourish, and the grand challenges for scholarly communication of our age can be confronted, that we have founded the Chicago Collaborative.

