



PeerJ Announces the Formation of the “PeerJ Preprints Advisory Group”

PeerJ is pleased to announce the formation of the new ‘[PeerJ Preprints Advisory Group](#)’. Made up of 15 individuals with a broad range of experience, this group will help advise PeerJ on matters relating to the academic community’s adoption of preprints.

Similar to arXiv in the physical sciences, *PeerJ Preprints* (<https://peerj.com/preprints/>) is an un-peer-reviewed ‘preprint server’ for the biological, medical, health and computer sciences. Since launching in 2013, the preprint service has grown rapidly with more than 2,000 unique preprints; including 25% with multiple revisions. Because of this rapid growth and the clear level of adoption by the community, it was decided to form an advisory group and nominations were sought in April 2016. As a result of the nomination and selection process, PeerJ is honored to have the support and input of the following advisors (in alphabetical order):

- [Stephen Curry](#) (Prof at Imperial College)
- [Al Dove](#) (Director of Research and Conservation, Georgia Aquarium)
- [Uta Francke](#) (Prof at Stanford)
- [Patricia Gowaty](#) (Prof at UCLA)
- [Jeffrey Ross-Ibarra](#) (Prof at UC Davis)
- [Heather Joseph](#) (Executive Director of SPARC)
- [Danny Kingsley](#) (Head of Scholarly Communication, University of Cambridge)
- [Erin McKiernan](#) (Prof at University of Mexico)
- [Ross Mounce](#) (Post-doc at U of Cambridge, Co-Founder of the RIO Journal)
- [Brian Nosek](#) (Prof at University of Virginia and Director of the Center for Open Science)
- [Victor Pyro](#) (Prof and Head of the Brazilian Microbiome Project)
- [Eric Topol](#) (Prof at Scripps Translational Science Institute)
- [Dagmar Waltemath](#) (Group Leader, University of Rostock)
- [Siouxie Wiles](#) (Prof at University of Auckland)
- [Greg Wilson](#) (Software Carpentry Foundation)

Jason Hoyt, PeerJ CEO and Co-Founder, said “We are truly thankful to the many people who have provided suggestions for the Advisory Group. As is often the case in nomination processes, we received many more suggestions than we could appoint, and so we appreciate that the group below is only a representative sample of the level of interest in the community. This is an exciting time to be involved in scholarly communications and we look forward to working with these advisors to figure out how to evolve pre-printing into something that significantly accelerates and improves the global scientific endeavor!”

Pete Binfield, PeerJ Publisher and Co-founder added, “when putting this group together, we consciously tried to make it as diverse and inclusive as possible. Within the group we have members at all levels of ‘seniority’; we have early career researchers and we have people at the very top of their field; we have representatives from the library and information world; we have people who work on important external projects in which we have an interest; we have people who have pre-printed frequently (and some who have never preprinted yet!); people who have experience or involvement with other preprint servers; people from a wide range of geographies; people covering all of our main subject areas; we have a good gender mix; and we made sure to include people who already had a relationship with PeerJ as well as those who did not previously.”

Going forward, PeerJ will call on this Advisory Group to help gauge the ‘pulse’ of the community, and to provide advice on matters of policy or other important issues related to preprinting.

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