

## ACSESS-Wiley Partnership Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What will happen to the content currently hosted on the ACSESS Digital Library online platform on January 1, 2020?**

All ASA/CSSA/SSSA journals, books, magazines and archives will be accessible via the Wiley Online Library at <https://access.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/>. Unfortunately, the Author Profiles feature as well as the English Abstracts of Transactions of the Chinese Society of Agricultural Engineering will be discontinued at the end of the year. Also, later in January, the Annual Meeting Notes and Presentations will be free-to-read and will become accessible through the society websites. Wiley's investments in infrastructure and staff will ensure we can take full advantage of emerging technologies and support services to ensure sustainability well into the future.

### **What about the AMSA *Meat and Muscle Biology* journal?**

The Meat and Muscle Biology journal will not be moving to Wiley and is now hosted by the Iowa State Digital Library at <https://www.iastatedigitalpress.com/mmb/>.

### **My institution currently has perpetual access or post-cancellation access to online content. Will these rights change on the Wiley Online Library?**

Perpetual access and post-cancellation online access rights will not change with our partnership with Wiley. After January 1, 2020, your institution will access the content via the Wiley Online Library platform via IP authentication just as it has in the past.

### **Will the IP addresses and ranges on file with ACSESS currently associated with our institutional account be transferred to Wiley?**

Yes, the IP addresses and ranges will all be transferred to Wiley. You do not need to do anything. We are not expecting any interruption in service.

### **Will anything change when I search for articles and books in my library and online?**

For the most part, there will be no changes. For a limited time after January 1, 2020, online links directing you to the ACSESS Digital Library, will forward you to our new home on the Wiley Online Library where you will find the content. Over time, these will be updated to direct you directly to the Wiley Online Library.

### **How will transferring Society journals from ACSESS to Wiley Online Library affect the ability of Society members to access personal journal subscriptions?**

Society members who hold member journal or Digital Library subscriptions will not be affected by this move. You may continue to purchase member journal subscriptions after the transition to the Wiley platform. Management of membership and member subscriptions will remain with ACSESS. Additionally, Society members will continue to receive a 20% discount on book purchases.

### **How will this move impact publication costs to authors?**

We are working on keeping publication costs to members at nearly the same rate as they have been to this point. We can't guarantee that prices won't rise, but we will work to keep our member rates low. A reduction of rates is unlikely because this portion of gross revenue is necessary for Wiley to make the contract beneficial for them and for us.

### **How will this move impact an author's ability and expense to publish Open Access?**

The ability to publish OA will not change for most authors. Wiley has been very active in Open Access for many years and we're working to retain stability of prices. Additionally, authors in certain regions will be able to take

advantage of larger Open Access agreements Wiley has negotiated to include all partner publishers. Although our Open Access licensing fees will increase in 2020, these fees have not changed in many years within our publications. Page charge fees will remain stable for 2020.

**What is the outlook for Open Access publishing in our journals?**

We do not expect any extensive shift in our Open Access options, but the journals will take advantage of Wiley's significant infrastructure in place to support OA publishing. Additionally, Wiley has expertise and experience managing their own OA portfolio and partnering with societies to fulfil their OA strategic plans. Finally, as market conditions evolve, Wiley will have the ability to support ongoing platform development with societies, libraries, and readers in mind that we don't currently have capability to do.

**What responsibility is ASA/CSSA/SSSA/ACSESS passing to Wiley?**

In summary, Wiley will manage institutional marketing and sales of the journals and host the journals on the Wiley Online Library. Additionally, Wiley will take over all post-review production and content management tasks along with hosting content on the Wiley Online Library.

**Will the societies retain ownership and editorial control over the journals, books and magazines?**

Unequivocally, yes. The societies, Editors and Editorial Boards will retain all ownership of the publications and full control over any editorial decisions regarding content as they have for many years. This is not changing.

**Will the Societies retain control over the price of journals, books and magazines?**

Prices for publications will be determined annually with input from Wiley. We are entering into a partnership with a commercial publisher whose experience and marketing will help maintain competitive pricing.

**What will happen to the Field, Lab, Earth Podcast?**

Field, Lab, Earth will continue to be produced monthly and feature significant and timely advances in agronomic, crop, soil, and environmental science research. Listen to the podcast on your schedule, in the field or car, and subscribe on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Spotify or anywhere else you find your podcasts.

**How will this move increase ASA/CSSA/SSSA publications global reach and readership?**

Wiley will be able to open new markets for our content and achieve greater penetration in existing markets. The inclusion of our content in the much larger Wiley Online Library will put many more eyes on our content regardless of whether the library subscribes. Wiley has almost ten times more institutional customers than the ACSESS Digital Library.

**How will this transition affect the ease of manuscript review handling?**

The entire manuscript submission and review process should remain largely unchanged. After a submitted manuscript is accepted, peer-reviewed and copy edited by ACSESS staff, final text and figures will then transfer to Wiley. There will be some changes in the production and author editing process.

**What will happen to the magazines, CEUs and K-12 publications?**

We are transitioning design and production, but no other aspects for the magazines. CEUs remain under full control of ASA/SSSA. Print and distribution of the magazines will be with Wiley, but the online access to the magazines for society members will remain in control of each society. We are not turning over anything related to K-12 publications.

**What about online and print advertising?**

Responsibility for all online and print advertising for the magazines and journal web pages will remain with ACSESS and additional online opportunities will become available with the launch of the new partnership. Please email Eric Welsh at [ewelsh@sciencesocieties.org](mailto:ewelsh@sciencesocieties.org) for more information.