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Shaping future publication cultures at Dutch universities

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From shared vision to institutional strategy and practice

Conference in Utrecht – Vergadercentrum Vredenburg
The working language of the conference is English.

Introduction
Our current publication practices face a number of important challenges. From the tension between quality and quantity, to the growing costs of scholarly publishing, the need to safeguard research integrity and reproducibility, and the pressure on the peer-review system, publication culture is an important matter for individual researchers, but also a strategic priority for universities, faculties and research units. The recently published UNL Vision on Publication Culture (link) provides a shared framework for reflecting on how Dutch universities can create publication cultures that strengthen research quality and integrity, support diverse scholarly contributions, and are open, sustainable and fit-for-purpose.

Conference program

09:30–10:00 *Walk-in and coffee/tea/water*

10:00–10:15 *Welcome and strategic opening*
- Jacquelien Scherpen (Rector Magnificus, Executive Board of the University of Groningen)

10:15–11:00 *Leadership dialogue: What does a new publication culture require from universities?*
University and faculty leadership perspectives on the implications of the UNL Vision and the conditions for changing publication practices.
Moderator: Ludo Waltman, Scientific director, Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS), Leiden University
Speakers:
- Jacquelien Scherpen - Rector Magnificus, Executive Board of the University of Groningen
- Alexandra Van Huffelen - Chair, Executive Board of Radboud University
- Sven Dupré - Dean of Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam
- Maartje Huijbers - Vice-dean of research, Leiden University Medical Centre

11:00–12:00 *National initiatives enabling a new publication culture*
How national initiatives are contributing to the local implementations, and what is needed to translate this momentum into institutional and local change.
Moderator: Ana Ranitovic, Chief of Open Science, University of Groningen
Speakers:
- Jeroen Sondervan - Programme Leader Open Scholarly Communication, OSNL
- Ludo Waltman, Scientific director, Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS), Leiden University
- Susanne van Rijn - Program manager, Strengthening support for Diamond Open Access in the Netherlands
- Lucinda Jones - Director, University Library at Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Margreet Nieborg - Head of the University of Groningen Press, on behalf of the Netherlands University Presses (NUPs)

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12:00–13:00 *Lunch*

13:00–14:00 *Publication culture in practice: university and disciplinary examples*
Why change was initiated, what approaches were taken, and what can be learned from implementation across different institutional and disciplinary contexts.
Moderator: Paul Boselie - Chief Open Science and professor, Utrecht University
Speakers:
- Casper Albers - Dean of Behavioural and Social Sciences, University of Groningen
- Jeroen de Ridder - Professor of Philosophy and Vice-dean of research, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Jeroen Bosman, Scholarly communication expert, Utrecht University
- Anita Eerland - Associate Professor (Radboud University), Board member (Open Science Communities Foundation and Dutch Reproducibility Network)

14:00–15:30 *From Vision to practice: What needs to change?*
Interactive discussion on how the principles of the Vision can be translated into choices and action within universities, faculties and research units.

15:30–15:45 *Closing and next steps*
Reflections on the key messages and priorities emerging from the day.

15:45–16:30 *Drinks reception*

Programme committee
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- Darco Jansen, Manager Open Science and Open Access, UNL (chair)