

Copyright, Publishing, & Intellectual property: *know and protect your rights*

Know your intellectual property rights:

- [Copyright Resources for Authors: Practical Guidance When Submitting Articles](http://www.arl.org/sparc/resources/copy.html) (<http://www.arl.org/sparc/resources/copy.html>) from SPARC.

Protect your rights:

- Know what the options in publishing are: “Access to the Scientific Literature—A Difficult Balance” by Marin Frank, executive director American Physiological Society, NEJM 354:15 1552-1555. Full text at <http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/354/15/1552>.

Succinctly places the open access vs. for-profit publishing dichotomy in to perspective. Frank reminds us that the estimated cost of publishing a scientific article is \$3000. That cost needs to be weighed against the costs of other public goods. “The question becomes how to recover this cost in a way that satisfies the need for access.” Reviews the various ways of recovering costs and of making content available according to individual business and publishing models. Listed in a helpful table are the different types of open access, from faculty homepage to cooperative access.

- Consider submitting your manuscript to an open access journal. BioMed Central (<http://www.biomedcentral.com/>) has a new veterinary journal BMC Veterinary Research, in addition to other biomedical and science journals.
- If funded NIH? It is recommended that a copy of your manuscript be deposited in PubMed Central to enhance public access. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-045.html>
- If not publishing in an open access journal, be sure to use the [SPARC Author's Addendum](http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/addendum.html) (<http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/addendum.html>) to RETAIN certain rights to your article. *Most publishers will agree to amend a contract.*
- Support is growing at UT Knoxville for understanding, retention, and protection of intellectual property rights. The text of a resolution on scholarly publishing adopted at the May 1st 2006 Faculty Senate meeting follows on the next page.

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Faculty Senate Resolution on Scholarly Publishing adopted May 1st, 2006:

WHEREAS the faculty of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville seek to maintain control of their work product by retaining intellectual property rights and/or by submitting their work to non-traditional peer-reviewed venues, and

WHEREAS the faculty wish to retain control of their scholarly production to foster greater freedom to disseminate their work, thereby increasing its availability and maximizing its influence on future scholarship, and

WHEREAS the academic community needs efficient, economical, and accessible models for research and scholarly communication,

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Creative/scholarly production will be judged based on its individual quality and scholarly content and that the role of a publication venue in this process will be assessed according to, but not limited to, its demonstrated standards, degrees of selectivity, and the quality of its peer-review;
2. The faculty and administration of the University of Tennessee will support the library's efforts to provide increased access to research and educational resources;
3. The UTK administration provide appropriate incentives and tools for faculty to establish alternative scholarly outlets, serve on and lead relevant editorial boards, and submit their scholarly work to such ventures;
4. All those involved in the process of academic review (including retention, tenure, and promotion) will not discriminate against non-traditional peer-reviewed venues for scholarly communication;
5. The senate reaffirms its endorsement of "The Tempe Principles" (Faculty Senate Meeting, March 03, 2003) for emerging systems of scholarly publishing.

See minutes of the UT Faculty Senate, May 1st, 2006 Report of the Library committee at <http://web.utk.edu/~senate/minutes/2005-06/SenateMinutes-20060501.pdf>

The Tempe Principles are at URL: <http://www.arl.org/scomm/tempe.html>

For more information, a webpage of useful links is available: "Copyright Information for Faculty from the UT Libraries"

<http://www.lib.utk.edu/~plan/copyrt/>