Croatian model for OA journals

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Motivation for the national platform:

- long tradition in publishing
- single-title publishers
- mostly without professional staffs to provide editorial, production, sales, marketing, and administrative support
- HRČAK platform in 2006
HRČAK history

- 2002 – few journals online
- 2005 – HRČAK project proposal
- 2006 – HRČAK in production

idea and design: group of librarians and information specialists (2006)
maintenance: University of Zagreb Computing Centre SRCE, Zagreb (2007)
support (?): Ministry of Science and Education

HRČAK initial goals

- infrastructure for online version of the journal
- single access point for all Croatian open access journals (scholarly, professional and popular science)
- metadata and full-text articles repository
- interoperability – international repositories, databases, archives (OAI-PMH)
Combining Work and Family Life in Croatia and Their Influence on Fertility

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Abstracts
The dual-earner family is increasingly becoming a norm in the majority of developed countries. The aim of this paper is to investigate how developed is the infrastructure for combining family and work and what type of family models are preferred by employed women in Croatia. In the survey, based on a sample of 1303 employed women aged 20-38, different statistical techniques were applied to find their preferred family model and attitudes on women's labor market position. The results show that a large majority of employed women prefer the dual-earner model, where both parents have paid work outside of the household. Moreover, younger generations of women have more liberal views on women's position in the labor market. To increase women's empowerment and fertility in the same time is a no easy task, but experience from countries where high women's employment rate coexists with higher fertility rate show it is not impossible. We conclude that the lack of possibility for part-time work in Croatia imposes a barrier for women who want to combine professional and family responsibilities.

Keywords
fertility, combining professional and family responsibilities, employed women
HRČAK journals by discipline

- Humanities: 33%
- Social sciences: 28%
- Technical sciences: 11%
- Biomedical and health sciences: 11%
- Biotechnical sciences: 7%

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VISIBILITY

all in Google Scholar (GS)
111 in DOAJ
115 in Web of Science Core collection
( SCI-EXP 33, SSCI 8, A&HCI 12, ESCI 60)
130 in Scopus
HRČAK – reducing common costs

A common publishing platform / repository:

- Site design and technical development, including implementation of a user interface, file or database structure, access authentication system, back-up systems, etc.
  - implementing an editorial “pre-press” workflow system
    - copyright and licencing issues
  - content formatting and metadata description and interoperability
    - Web site hosting and storage
print and distribution costs (including related expenses, such as print edition storage, postage expenses, etc.) depend on whether the journal publish digital and print format
Croatian OA journals basic business model

- subsidizes from the Ministry of Science and Education
- in-kind contributions from academic institutions and professional societies (office space, administrative and technical hosting and support)
- volunteers (unpaid editors) - professional altruism and prestige provide usually sufficient motivation and incentives
- paid part-time staff or independent contractors, or third-party service providers

- HRČAK journals approached regularly by big publishers
  - app. 30 journals employ APC
Once a year

- Ministry of Science and Education PUBLIC CALL for financial support of:
  - scientific journal
  - a journal for popularization of science
  - set of criteria

>60% of the content original must be peer reviewed content: original scientific articles, short communications and review articles

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▪ journals must be OPEN and must be active at the HRČAK platform
Other mandatory conditions

▪ be published on a regular basis (according to a declared frequency)
  ▪ peer review process
▪ indexed in at least one international database or citation index, according to the provided list
▪ >15% of the articles must be authored by Croatian authors/affiliations (!!??)
  ▪ editorial process according international standards
Not mandatory criteria for collecting points

- journal size/length
- the weight factor of the text (?)
- number of printed copies (??)
- years of continuous publishing (?)

- number of peer reviewed articles
- metric indicators, subject/disciplinary rankings and quartiles
- number of exchanged journals (??)
  - online editorial system
  - DOAJ, ORCID, DOI, XML...
Eligible costs

- Press /print
  - text processing and layout
  - preparation of texts (proofreading, correction, translation, copyediting etc.)
    - postage
  - office supplies and equipment
  - fees for administrative-technical and secretarial duties
- digitization of old volumes, creation/maintenance of websites and/or editing systems for journals (like Open Journal Systems)
  - preparing a searchable PDF with associated metadata, preparing other formats
    - plagiarism detection systems
  - editorial education costs, membership fees
- other justified costs according to provided reasoning
2017

- Requested: 2,069,705,70 EUR
- Approved/Received: 1,487,549,28 EUR

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FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot impact+

27.000 EUR grant

XML versions of the articles for 4 journals (200 articles)
7.000 unique ORCID related with 16.500 papers (in one month)
Funder/project information (beyond EC projects)
Delivery of article-level information to the DOAJ via DOAJ XML and DOAJ API
Support data citation in the metadata using JATS
Advanced search features (faceted search)
FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot impact-

- before 4 journals with APC
- after 1 year 30 journals with APC

- shepherd metaphor
- logical publishing system
- reproducibility
- technology used (finally)
- basic system low cost
- publishers selling added value (bells and whistles)

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Future?

- is it the system sustainable?
- open science agenda – open peer review?
- migration to the APC model?
- new and enhanced publishing (beyond PDF)
We believe in small journals

- Protect excellence in locally relevant research
- Development of terminology in local language
  - Promotion of multilingualism in science
  - Close editorial guidance of young researchers
    - Development of the research and academic culture (RI)
    - Building the reputation of the local scientific community
      - Lower cost of publishing (for authors)
- Content in local language can be spread to a wider local community – no language barriers