

# ICOLC, Stockholm 2007 UKSG Project Transfer

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# Session overview

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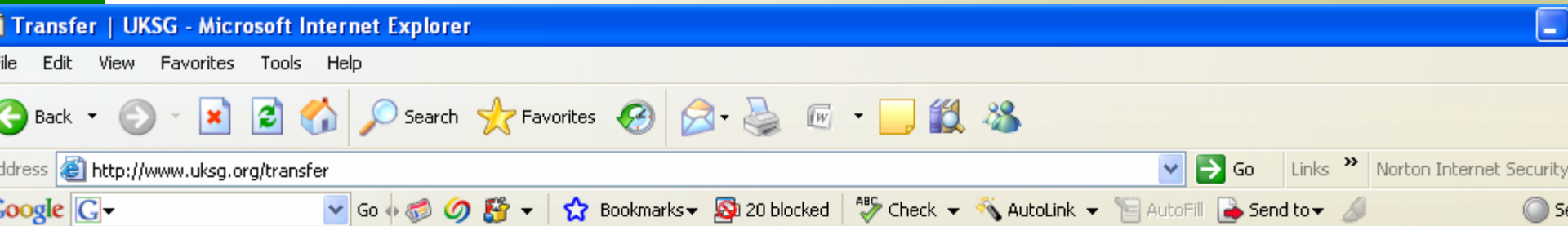
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# About Project Transfer

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- Formed a Working Group
- Held quarterly meetings throughout 2006
- Brainstormed all issues surrounding journal transfers
- Drafted our Aims and Scope
- Outlined our roadmap for a three phased approach
- Launched on 16 April 2007 at UKSG Annual Conference

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## Transfer

### Aims and objectives:

Since its inception in April 2006, the Transfer Working Group has been identifying and mapping the various data and general information components that come into play when a title moves publisher. The aim is to create a central repository containing mandatory and optional fields that should be completed by publishers when titles move between them.

Building on the work of ALPSP and STM, the Working Group is also framing a set of high level Guidelines and a Code of Practice that publishers will be asked to adhere to as closely as possible when involved in title transactions.

### Upcoming events

- UKSG Serials Practitioners: London
- UKSG E-Journal Technical Update: London
- UKSG Usage Statistics Training Seminar: Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA
- Caught up in Web 2.0? Practical implementations and

# Phase 1: Code of Conduct

The following publishers agreed to align their processes to the Code of Conduct:

- BioOne - [www.bioone.org](http://www.bioone.org) (23/08/07)
- Co-Action Publishing - [www.co-action.net](http://www.co-action.net) (04/09/07)
- Haworth Press - [www.haworthpress.com](http://www.haworthpress.com) (23/05/07)
- Mary Ann Liebert Inc - [www.liebertpub.com](http://www.liebertpub.com) (15/05/07)
- Multilingual Matters - [www.multilingual-matters.com](http://www.multilingual-matters.com) (27/07/07)
- SAGE Publications - [www.sagepub.co.uk](http://www.sagepub.co.uk) (11/05/07)
- Symposium Journals - [www.symposium-journals.co.uk](http://www.symposium-journals.co.uk) (11/05/07)
- Taylor & Francis - [www.tandf.co.uk/journals](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals) (10/05/07)

# Phase 1: Code of Conduct

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However: not all publishers were satisfied that the Code was feasible:

ALPSP/STM comments:

- [the Code did not] recognise the complexity of business models and approaches used by different publishers
- all 'mandatory' requirements should be removed
- Be less prescriptive in its description of how ongoing archival access is given, but be consistent with customer contract arrangements

# Phase 1: Code of Conduct

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ALPSP/STM comments continued:

- The prescribed transfer of the subscription lists is mentioned without respect to data protection or compensation
- The requirement for Transferring Publishers to continue to give one month's access after Transfer is unnecessary if other factors within the Code are complied with
- General comments regarding the non-exclusive transferral of publishing rights from one publisher to another.
- Overall: very supportive of Transfer and its aims

# Phase 1: Code of Conduct

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Project Transfer needs industry buy-in in order to be successful but the Code must still be strong enough to protect the library customers and their end-users...

- Invited additional members onto Working Group: Springer, Wiley-Blackwell, OUP, Elsevier
- Aimed to redraft areas of the Code that were inconsistent or out of line with publisher processes



# Redrafting the Code

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The following sections are under review:



# 1. Access to Title

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## 1. Access to title

- Continue to provide access to subscribers for at least 6 months after transfer
- Apply to all journal contract transfers after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008

Changed to:

- Where perpetual access rights have been granted, the Transferring Publisher must ensure continuance of access to their customers (on a non-exclusive basis) even if the Transferring Publisher will cease to host the online version of the journal after the effective transfer date .

# STM Recommendation

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STM Guideline for STM Member Signatories says that ‘Publishers with society journal contracts should always ensure that their customer licenses for electronic or online journal access do not exceed the scope of the license granted to them by the journal-owning societies.

*(International Association of Scientific, Technical & Medical Publishers: “Ensuring quality customer access to online content when society journals change publishers).*

# 1. Access to Title continued

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- **Born digital (recent) archive — current AND Digital Archive (Backfile/Legacy):**  
With consideration to contract terms, the Transferring Publisher will make the digital files available to the Receiving Publisher within four weeks of signature of the contract or (with the express written permission of the Sponsoring Society if the Transferring Publisher is not the journal owner)

# 2. Subscription List

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- To be made available to the receiving publisher
  - Immediately after the transfer is confirmed OR 4 months prior to effective transfer date

Subscriber Type	Mandatory?
Personal/Membership List	Yes
Institutional full price subscribers (print, online and print + online)	Yes
Consortia subscriber: including institutions previously holding full price sub	Yes
Consortia subscriber: including institutions that never held a full price sub & only have access by virtue of big-deal	No, but recommended

# 2. Subscription List

## Changed to:

**2. Subscription lists:** Subject to contract terms, the transferring publisher will make the subscription list of the journal available to the receiving publisher within four weeks of signature of the contract (or with the express written permission of the journal-owner if the Transferring Publisher is not the owner), four months prior to effective transfer date (whichever is sooner). Following current data protection legislation, the list should include the following types of subscriber data:

- Personal
- Institutional (Perpetual v Access only)
- Consortia subscribers
- Lapsed subscribers

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# 6. Communication

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## 6. Communication – Mandatory

- Communicate to subscribers and relevant intermediaries at least 3 months before the effective transfer date
- Insert text on journal home page:

*This journal will no longer be published by <publisher name> as of <year>. Please go to <new URL> as of that date.*

# 6. Communication

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Changed to:

**Communication:** The Transferring Publisher will use best endeavours to communicate journal transfer information to its subscribers, eTOC subscribers, and relevant intermediaries as soon as possible after signature of the contract and ideally no less than 1 month before the effective date of transfer



# 9 Distribution Rights

## 9. Distribution rights

- The rights owner (society or publisher) will grant non-exclusive distribution rights to the transferring publisher
- To allow the transferring publisher to continue to provide access for at least 6 months after journal transfer

Mandatory	Recommended
6 months	6 months +

# 9 Distribution Rights

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## Changed to:

**Access to the title:** The Receiving Publisher will provide access to the journal from the effective transfer date. If the Receiving Publisher has received all archive files but is unable to provide access from the effective transfer date, they must permit the Transferring Publisher to continue to make the files available on a non-exclusive basis until the files are made available.

# 10: Access to Title

## This has been deleted

- The receiving Publisher will make the journal content freely available on their journals website for at least one month after the effective transfer date.
- Will insert text on website to indicate that this is free for a limited time only.

Mandatory	Recommended
1 month	1 month +

# 11. Subscription List

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- On receipt of the subscriptions lists the receiving publisher will continue to grant access, honouring prior access commitments

## **Changed to:**

- The Receiving Publisher will contact all existing subscribers as soon as possible on receipt of the subscription lists and will make arrangements with them for continued access to future issues, subject to subscription renewal.

# Next steps

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- Test new draft on Library Community (OCT/Nov)
- Invite additional publishers to join and relaunch Code in time for Online Exhibition (Dec)
- Create 'Library Testing Group' to monitor compliancy (Jan)
- Look at long term management of the Project and possible collaboration with organisations such as CrossRef (ongoing)

# Summary

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If the Code is accepted:

- For Publishers

- Encourage societies to update journal contracts
- Persuade stubborn societies to apply best practice
- PR: Use Transfer logo to demonstrate compliancy and best practice

- For Librarians

- Ensure consistent access to users
- Improve renewal period and processes
- **Insist on Transfer compliancy in your publisher agreements and license terms**

Thank you!

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