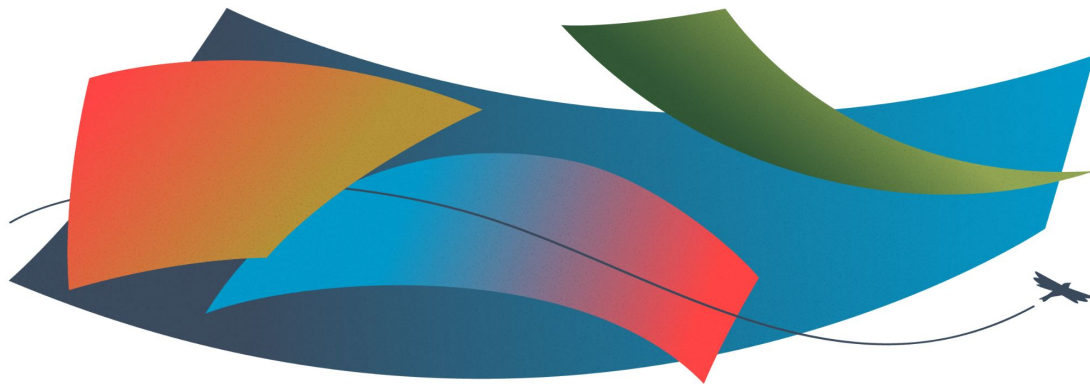


# Lessons in Collaboration:

## Insights from the Canadian Symposium of Scholarly Journals

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# About the Symposium

“The *Canadian Symposium of Scholarly Journals* is a community event that aims to gather journal team members from across Canada to share their experiences and challenges in the current, fast-changing environment.”

- Goal : Foster empowerment in the Canadian journal community through structured discussions addressing shared issues and geared toward possible action
- Audience : members of scholarly journal teams and academic librarians who work with them + stakeholders

# About the Symposium

## Challenges

- Intended as an in-person event, but pivoted to a virtual event
- Bilingual participation
- Many possible topics of discussion

## Opportunities

- Greater participation across geographies and disciplines
- Connection across linguistic minorities and majorities
- Lots of room to explore

# About the Symposium

- 160 + attendees
- Intro to Cdn journal landscape, breakout rooms and plenary speakers
- 3 questions to prompt discussion toward solutions
  - ◆ What would you like to know about another journals operations?
  - ◆ What project would you prioritize if you had enough resources to devote to it?
  - ◆ What opportunities do you see for collaboration in a national context?

## Why is this conversation important?

Value in hearing from practitioners and their day-to-day reality to build collective understanding.

We are invested in transitioning to sustainable Diamond OA.

It is incumbent on us to pay attention to what is potentially:

- threatening the viability of these journals
- impacting our collective ability to retain the journals in a Canadian not-for profit system
- risking the transition / ability of journals to make the flip

## Knowledge

*“What is one thing you’d like to know more about how other journals operate?”*

- Peer review
- Editorial strategies and workload management
- Discoverability
- Journal impact

## Resources

*If you had one more member on your team or no financial constraints, what work or project would you consider a priority?*

- Marketing and promotion
- Staffing/operational support
- Indexing/discoverability
- Compensation

# Resources

Other things that came up:

- Multilingualism and translation
- Training and professional development
- Format and design - maximizing potential of digital publication
- Accessibility



## Collaboration

*Is there an opportunity for greater collaboration among Canadian journals to bolster Canadian publishing in an international context?*

- Working groups, communities of practice, professional associations
- Conferences
- Communication channels and information sharing
- Shared infrastructure and resources
- Joint special issues

# The role of national organizations

## Different national organizations...

- SSHRC
- Federation as a membership association, including:
  - scholarly associations, institutions and affiliates
    - Canadian Association of Learned Journals (CALJ)
    - Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL)
- Other stakeholders

## ... different roles

- Research funding
- Convening
- Advocating
- Policy development

## and different accountabilities.

**Thank you! Merci!**

