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Social Media and Open Science

Message from the Guest Editors

Open Science is the idea of openly sharing scientific knowledge as early as possible in the discovery process. Social media enable users to create and share content with a worldwide audience, thus also providing a platform for researchers to openly share scientific knowledge. Social media is changing scholarly communication by enabling rapid dissemination of scientific ideas and discoveries and allowing a broader audience to participate in scholarly communication and even in the research process. On the other hand, monitoring how scientific knowledge is being shared and consumed online can also provide a broader understanding of the impact or influence that science has had on the society. However, there are many unanswered questions about the connection between social media and open science; how is social media changing scholarly communication, how could social media be advancing open science, how could monitoring online events around scientific outputs contribute to a broader understanding of the impact research has had on the society? We welcome submissions that will examine these questions and others related to the connection between social media and open science.

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