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Anti-Double Dipping Alliance for transparency in Open Access book publishing formed

Berlin, 7th May 2018. Fifteen of the most important vendors and platform providers in the scholarly publishing market have formed an Anti-Double Dipping Alliance. The group initiated by Knowledge Unlatched (KU), the central platform for sustainable Open Access (OA) funding models, aims at avoiding unwanted acquisition of book titles through different systems.

“The rise of Open Access as a new business model for books poses new challenges to libraries, publishers, and vendors alike, and it can cause intransparency leading to unwanted duplication of acquisitions”, explains Tom Mosterd, Manager Content Discovery at KU. “Together with our vendors, we can now guarantee that all books that are part of Knowledge Unlatched are clearly flagged in a variety of systems.” The information in approval plans and other acquisition systems will allow librarians to avoid purchases of the same title in more than one business model”.

The following KU partners participate in the Anti Double Dipping Alliance: Delbanco, Dietmar Dreier, JSTOR, Knowledge Unlatched, LM Information Delivery, LYRISIS, Missing Link, OAPEN, Project MUSE.

The group is open to further participants also wishing to eliminate double dipping in the library acquisition process.

About Knowledge Unlatched: Knowledge Unlatched (KU) offers free access to scholarly content for every reader across the world. Our online platform provides libraries worldwide with a central place to support Open Access models from leading publishing houses and new OA initiatives.

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