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Open Access – Missing Link to become exclusive distribution partner of OABLE in the German-speaking countries

Berlin, 14.10.2020 - Missing Link will take over the exclusive distribution of Oable (www.oable.org) in the German-speaking region. The Oable solution, developed by Knowledge Unlatched (KU), enables libraries to keep track of all open access (OA) payments across multiple publishers and thus significantly simplify and accelerate their internal processes.

“KU already works closely with trade partners who well understand the needs of their customers,” says Dr. Olaf Ernst, Chief Solutions Officer at KU. “Missing Link is one of the innovation leaders in the German-speaking library world and therefore a natural partner for a new workflow management tool such as Oable.”

“Libraries throughout the German-speaking world are looking for solutions to better manage the rapidly growing volume of OA articles and chapters,” observes Klaus Tapken, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Missing Link. “We are convinced that an innovative cockpit, jointly developed with libraries, can provide an effective solution, and we look forward to the market launch of Oable.”

Oable standardizes the processing of metadata and supports libraries in the administration and release of payments in a clearly arranged dashboard. The online solution thus shortens workflows, controls compliance with stored contract information and speeds up the publication of OA articles. “Open access has become more complicated due to the large increase in volume. Oable supports libraries and researchers by providing optimal advice on publications while simultaneously providing a platform for the management of all OA transactions,” adds Klaus Tapken.

About Knowledge Unlatched

Knowledge Unlatched is committed to open access (OA) to scientific content for readers and researchers around the world. Its online platform is the central contact point for libraries worldwide to support OA models, book and journal collections of leading publishers and

various OA initiatives. KU beta launched Oable (www.oable.org) in early September 2020, and it is currently testing it with leading libraries worldwide.

About Missing Link

The independent library supplier Missing Link has been a leading provider of media and services to academic libraries in the German-speaking region for almost 30 years. When developing its services and platforms, Missing Link focuses closely on the needs of its library clientele and also builds on its strong relationships with publishing partners worldwide in order to provide innovative solutions to its customers. Thanks to many years' experience in global media procurement and processing Missing Link has been able to expertly meet the challenges of digitization enters into new projects and partnerships with great enthusiasm.

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