

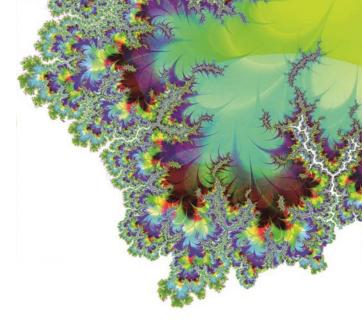
# Open Access Strategy and the OAPEN-CH Project

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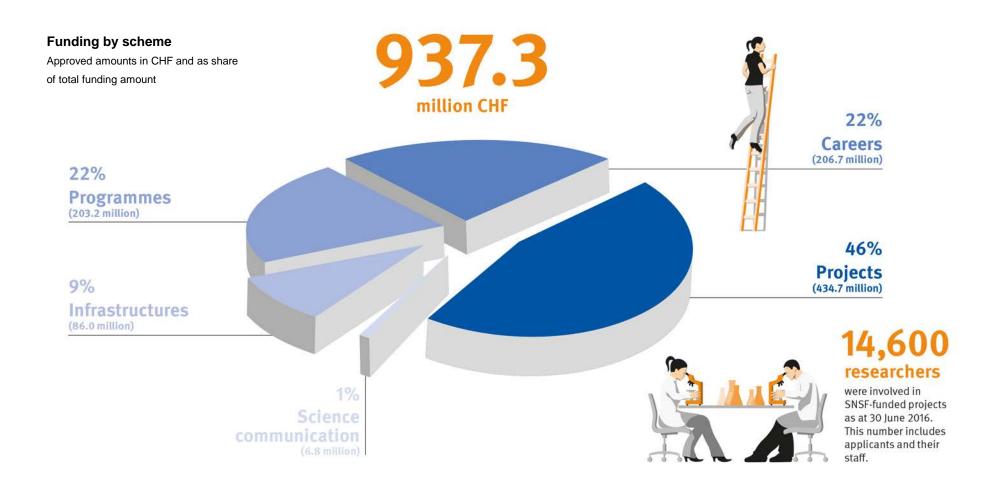


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#### The SNSF in numbers 2016



# Publication funding in **SNSF grants**

#### **Publication grants**

#### Since 1 July 2014:

- Contributions towards the production costs of digital book publications
- Open Access after 24 months at the latest

#### Since October 2013:

- Funding of publications in pure OA journals (Gold Road)
- Grant of max. CHF 3,000 per publication



Open Access - developments in Switzerland

# Turning point

The State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) gave a mandate to swissuniversities and the SNSF to elaborate:

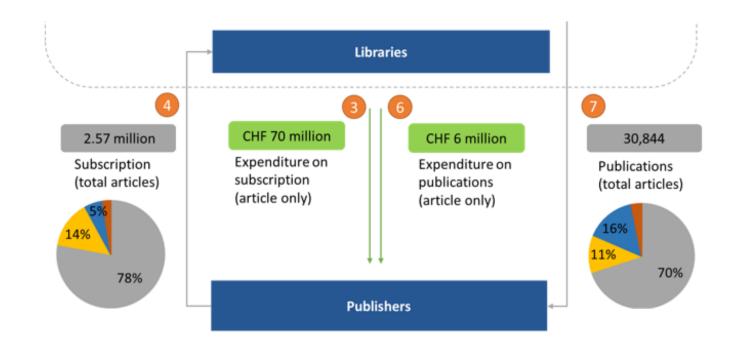
### Financial flow analysis

- Study Swiss scientific publishing
- Create transparency
- Analyse which OA economic model would best support a full OA transition in Switzerland

# National Open Access Strategy

- Promote OA as overarching goal
- Foster stakeholder coordination
- Create a vision

## Financial flow analysis





#### In 2015, Swiss HEIs spent CHF 76 million on publications:

- CHF 70 milion in subscription fees
- CHF 6 million in publication costs
- + 2 million were spent on infrastructure supporting OA

## National Strategy: vision



### EU objectives as a benchmark

100% of academic publications OA by 2020

### **Objectives for Switzerland**

- 100% of academic publication activity in Switzerland OA by 2024
- 100% academic publications funded by public money must be freely accessible on the internet.
- OA publishing with a mix of models



Open Access policy of the SNSF

## Open Access policy of the SNSF: development

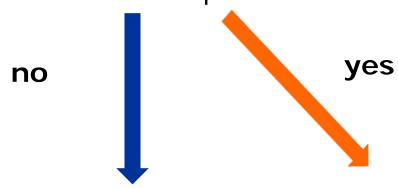
#### The OA policy of the SNSF since 2008/2014

- 2006: Signing of the Berlin Declaration
- 2008: Obligation to self-archive (Green Road, after 6 months)
- 2013: Financial support for OA journal articles ("gold OA")
- 2014: Expanding of Open Access policy to cover book publications
- 2015: Launch of OAPEN-CH pilot project
- 2016: Financial flow analysis
- 2016/2017: Contributing to national strategy and action plan

# Open Access policy of the SNSF: principles

"Research findings funded by public money should be freely accessible to all."

Publication resulting from a project funded by the SNSF: additional funds for publications



Independent publication grants

General duty to publish in OA

Specific duty to publish in OA

# Open Access policy of the SNSF: specific duty

#### The conditions for financial support are:

- Journal article: publication must be in gold road journal; contribution of up to CHF 3,000 per publication
- Book publication: a digital copy must be freely accessible after 24 months
  - Researchers and publishers are free to publish books also in print.
  - Upon request, the open access commitment can be removed (e.g. image rights)



OAPEN-CH pilot project

Study of the impact of Open Access on book publications

#### Aims

- Joint learning process with all parties involved in the Open Access publication process (SNSF, authors, publishers, libraries, repositories)
- Comparing two publication models for Open Access book publications
- Generating data on the use (lending figures, downloads), sale and cost of digital and printed book publications

#### **Publication models**

- Model 1: a monograph is released for Open Access without any embargo period and published at the same time in printed form.
- Model 2: a monograph that was published two years ago is made
   Open Access; the printed version continues to be sold.

Publication model	Experimental group		Control group
	Open Access	Print	Print
Model 1	immediately	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Model 2	after 24 months	✓	✓

## Publication of pilot books

- The pilot books of the experimental group are published under a standard Creative Commons license and are available on the following platforms:
  - Website of publisher
  - OAPEN Library
  - Google Books
  - Institutional repository
  - Swiss National Library

# Evaluation and output

#### Quantitative evaluation

 Evaluation of the collected data on use, sale and cost of digital and printed books

#### **Qualitative evaluation**

Workshop with stakeholder group and involved publishers to share their experiences

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Needs analysis of publishers and authors

#### **Output**

Final report

# Participating publishers

German-speaking Switzerland	<ul> <li>Chronos Verlag, Zurich</li> <li>Librum Publishers &amp; Editors, Hochwald</li> <li>Peter Lang Verlag, Bern</li> <li>Schwabe Verlag, Basel</li> <li>Seismo Verlag, Zurich</li> </ul>	
French-speaking Switzerland	<ul><li>Editions Alphil, Neuchâtel</li><li>Editions ies, Geneva</li><li>Librairie Droz, Geneva</li></ul>	
Italian-speaking Switzerland	Edizioni Casagrande, Bellinzona	
Germany	<ul> <li>Carl Grossmann Verlag, Berlin</li> <li>Transcript Verlag, Bielefeld</li> <li>Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen</li> </ul>	

# Pilot publications 2015 and 2016

	First call 2015		Second call 2016	
	Number of books	of which OA	Number of books	of which OA
Model 1	32	16	38	19
Model 2	22	11	14	7
Total	54	27	52	26

#### Results of the 2015 call

What is the impact of Open Access?

Total number of downloads from OAPEN Library (Sept 15–Feb 17)

	Experimental Group
Model 1 (16 books)	6416
Model 2 (11 books)	6426

Total number of copies sold (print and eBooks) (Sept 15-Aug 16)

	Experimental Group	Control Group
Model 1 (32 books)	1377	1660
Model 2 (22 books)	2609	2671

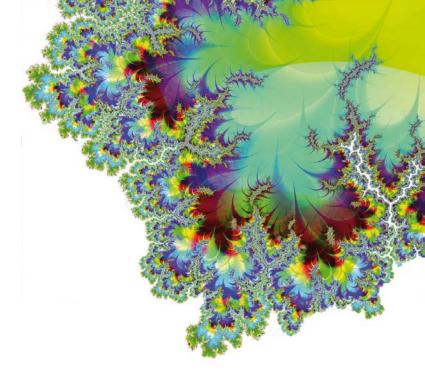
Source: intermediate report on first call of OAPEN-CH pilot project by OAPEN Foundation, NL; November 2016 (download figures updated in March 2017).

# Libraries for Open Access

- University libraries play an important role in implementing the National OA Strategy
- **Purchasing/Financing**: to promote Open Access, the purchasing budget has to be re-deployed; various processes and responsibilities of libraries have to be adapted.
- **Library catalogue**: Open Access books need to be visible in library catalogues; a quality-tested platform for OA publications is therefore desirable.
- **Repositories**: researchers can store their research results in different repositories, according to their institutional affiliation.

## Outlook





Thank you for your attention!

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