

The SNSF's ChronosHub Pilot Project

A new way to manage your publications from submission to open access and reporting

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- > Some general information:
 - Chronos Hub
 - Danish company - <https://chronoshub.io/>
 - Aim: effective management of publishing fees, OA agreements, funder policy compliance, repository deposits, and reporting
 - And: supporting authors in selecting suitable journals for their manuscript submissions by making funding policies and publisher agreements transparent
 - Pilot project duration: 6 months
 - Application for APCs or BPCs via MySNF remains open

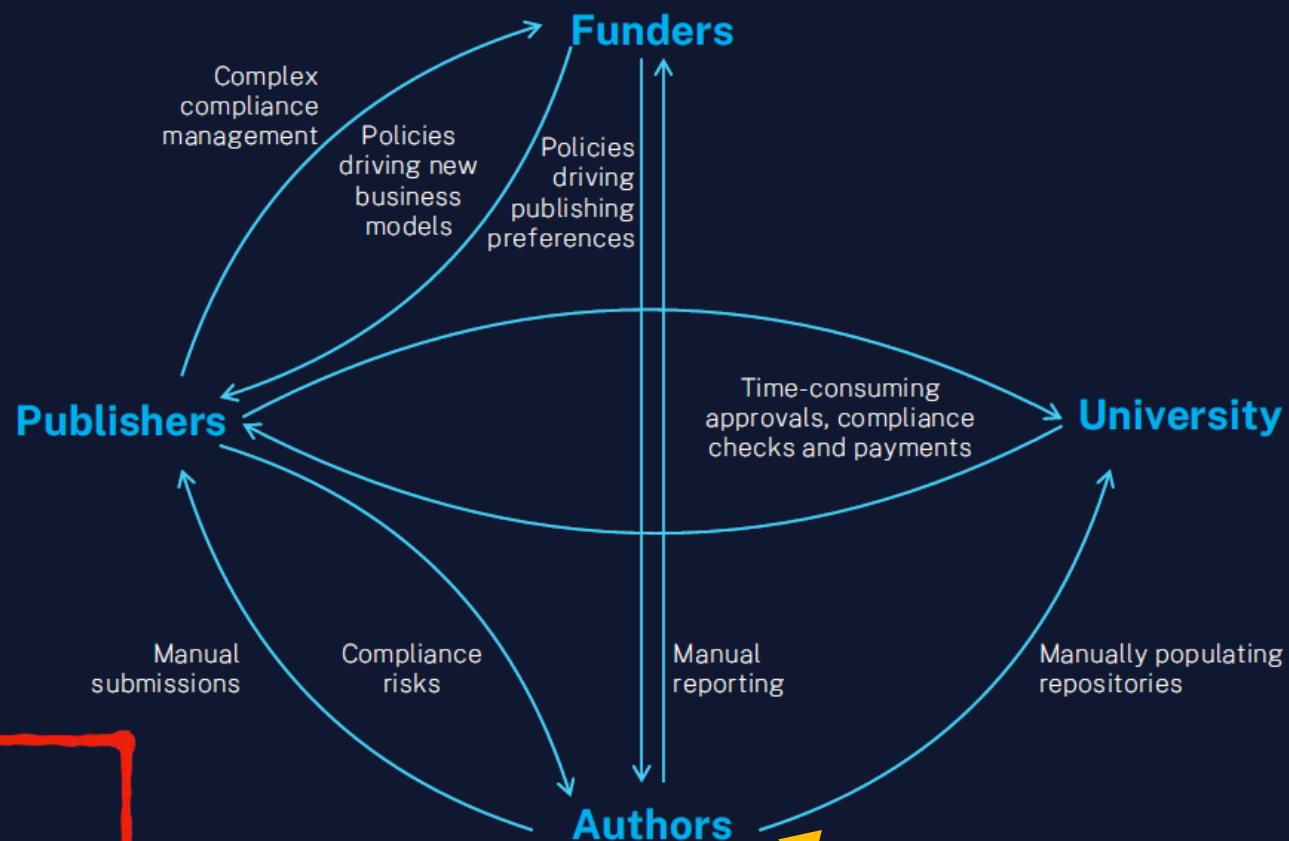
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The Problem

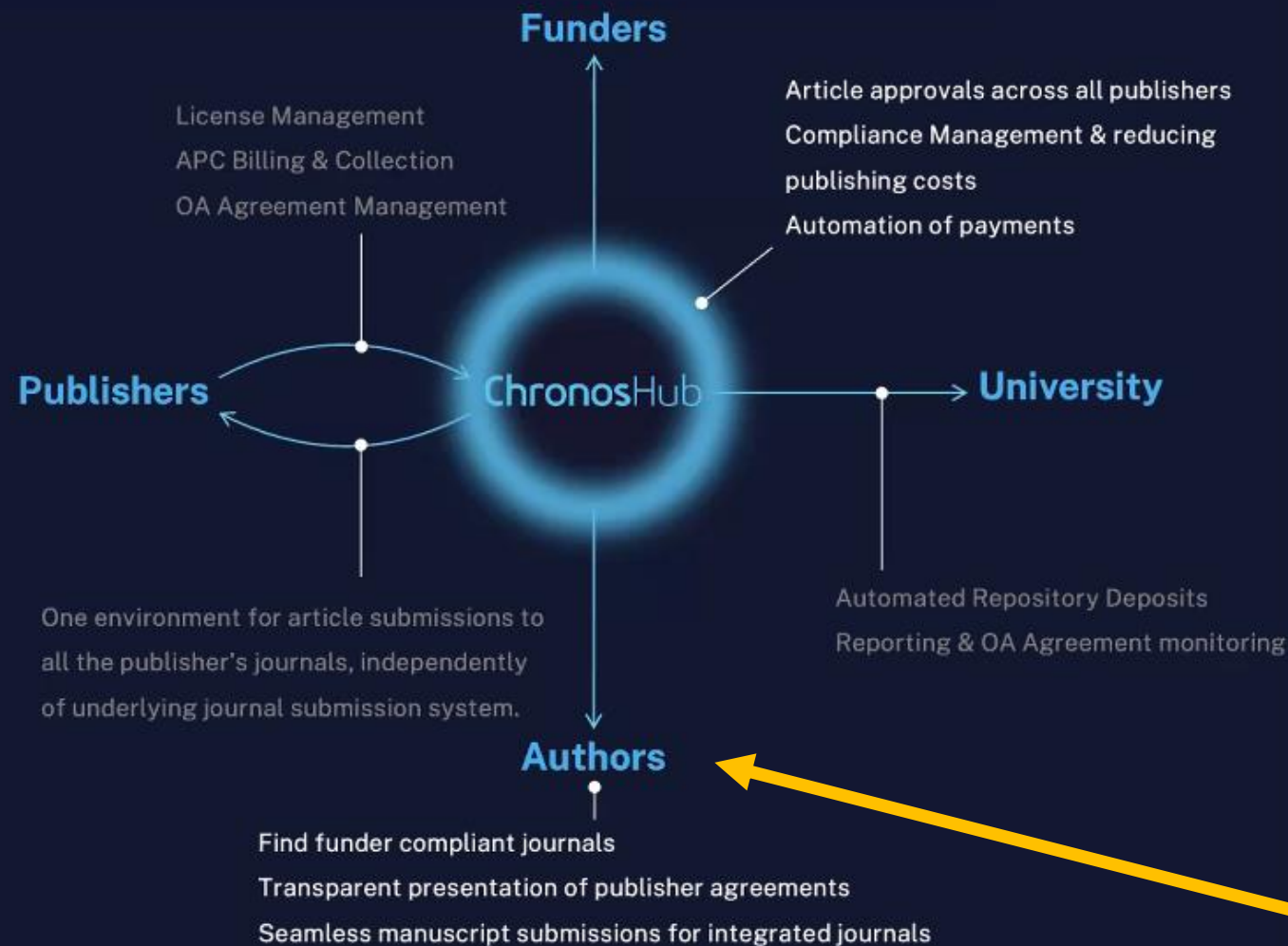
Open Access leading to many complexities

- Stakeholders acting in silos
- Manual and duplicated work
- Fragmented data, no reliable analytics
- Time-consuming and high costs for all parties
- High risk of not complying with policies



The ChronosHub Solution

Optimised communication between authors, universities, publishers and funders.



Scope of the pilot

What will we do,
and until when

All active SNSF grants covered: Associated grantees directly invited to use ChronosHub on Jun 15, 2021. Pilot phase until mid-2022.

Main publishers will be informed to send any APC invoices directly to ChronosHub.

Any APC invoices the grantees receive, if associated with SNSF grants, should be sent to snsf@chronoshub.io.

We recommend that you use ChronosHub's Journal Finder when you make manuscript submissions. That helps everyone to automate the rest of the processes. You do then no longer need to:

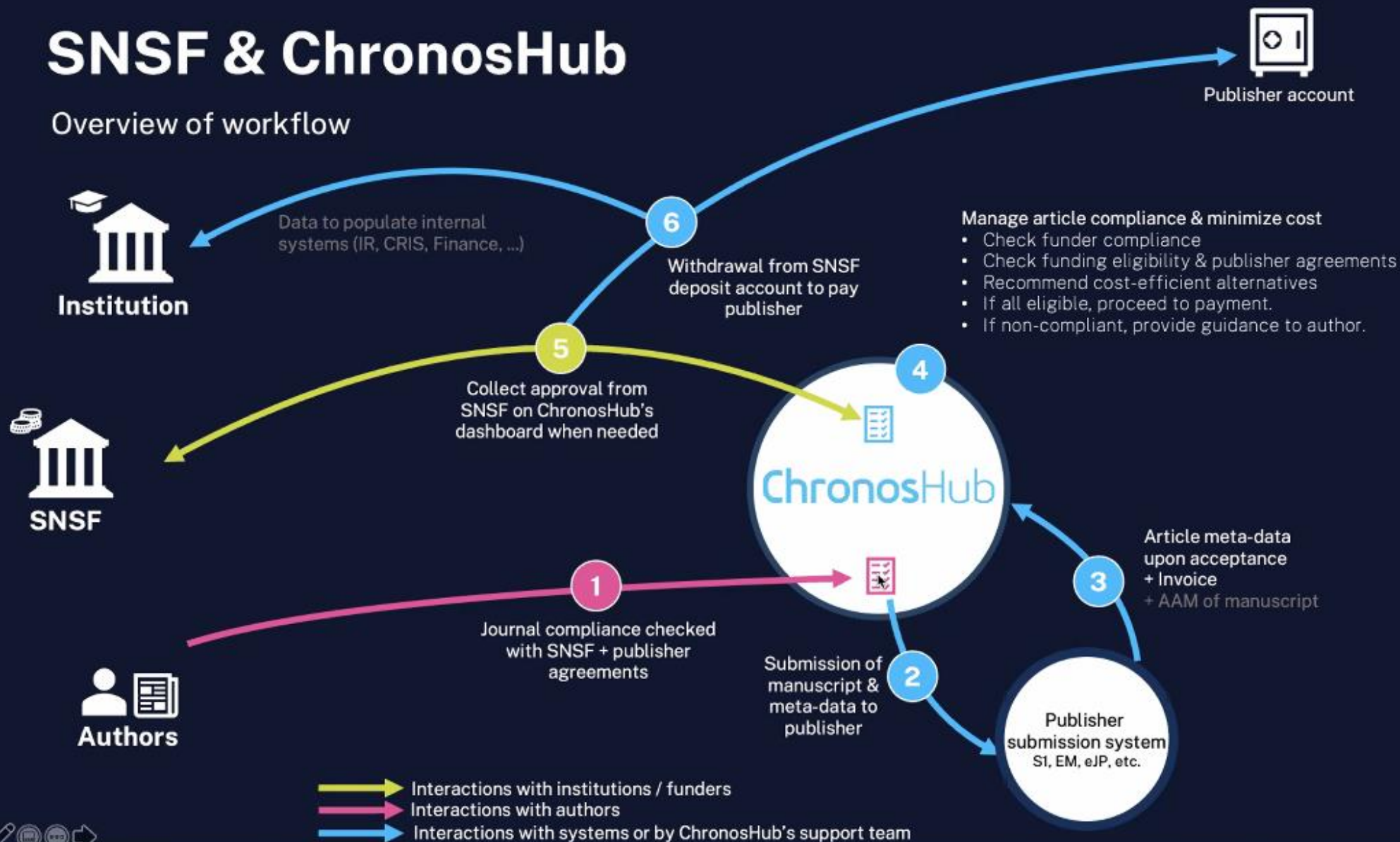
- Worry about any of your articles getting non-compliant with SNSF's policy
- Take care of paying any publishing fees

The intention is also to automate the report back to SNSF on your published articles in the future.

Please send any comments of what you like, dislike, miss or wish to add to snsf@chronoshub.io, e.g. additional journals.

SNSF & ChronosHub

Overview of workflow



Journal Selection & Manuscript Submission

How does it work for an author?

1

The author logs in to ChronosHub with the intention to submit a new article manuscript to a journal.

2

The author goes to the list of journals. Each journal is per default flagged as compliant or non-compliant with the SNSF's policy. The author can also select any of about 40 other funders. Where applicable, national publisher agreement information is also displayed per journal.

3

Once the author has found a suitable journal, the author gets presented with a submission form where the information can be entered and the manuscript uploaded.

4

If the journal's submission system is integrated with ChronosHub, the author makes the submission directly. Otherwise, ChronosHub captures minimal information and takes the author to the journal's submission page where the author needs to register and make the submission. Upon submission you get a confirmation message from the publisher.

Upon acceptance

What do I as author need to do?



If you submitted through ChronosHub, you typically do **not need to do anything**.



If you submitted directly to the publisher, ChronosHub should still get the invoice, and you do **not need to do anything**.



If you still have received an invoice to publish your article Open Access, you can:

- a) **Forward the invoice to snsf@chronoshub.io**, or
- b) Upload the invoice in ChronosHub and enter some details on your accepted article.

In case your article is not eligible for being paid, or there is a non-compliance issue, you will be contacted by the ChronosHub support, and they will guide you to address any issue, e.g., correcting the funding acknowledgement, etc.

You do not need to worry about non-compliance issues, paying APCs, and some of the reporting.

The webpage after logon: upper part

Jane Doe
University of Zurich

My profile Log out

Home

My Grants

Journal Finder

Open Access
– the new normal

Welcome to ChronosHub – a platform to make Open Access publishing easy

ChronosHub supports you in several ways along the publishing process. You can in particular check journals for compliance with the SNSF Open Access Policy, get your article processing fees (APCs) paid, and reuse the data for reporting.

I'm looking for

Find the relevant journal for your article

Check your favorite journals

Submit manuscript to publisher

Upload your invoice

View published articles

User-area;
Search
function

The webpage after logon: lower part

The screenshot shows the ChronosHub interface after a user login. The top navigation bar includes the user's name 'Jane Doe' and affiliation 'University of Zurich', along with 'My profile' and 'Log out' links. The main content area is divided into a sidebar and a central dashboard. The sidebar contains a 'Home' link and a 'Journal Finder' link. The central dashboard features four large action cards: 'Check your favorite journals', 'Submit manuscript to publisher', 'Upload your invoice', and 'View published articles'. Below these cards is a 'My Articles' section with a progress bar showing the status of articles: Draft Articles (5), Submitted Articles (2), Accepted Articles (4), Published Articles (0), and Not Accepted Articles (2). A 'View and submit article' button is located at the bottom right of the 'My Articles' section.

**Easy menu;
Article records**

Check your favorite journals
Use the Journal Finder with its 40,000+ journals to check whether your favorite journals are compliant with the [SNSF Open Access Policy](#).

Submit manuscript to publisher
Submit your manuscript to the publisher through the Journal Finder to reduce administration upon acceptance. You may also submit your manuscript directly to publishers without going through ChronosHub.

Upload your invoice
With many publishers, ChronosHub will settle APC invoices directly. If nevertheless you get an APC invoice sent to you, please upload it to your submission, or click snsf@chronoshub.io to email it with required details.

View published articles
Once your article is published, you can view it in your profile and use this information for further reporting.

My Articles

Draft Articles **5** Submitted Articles **2** Accepted Articles **4** Published Articles **0** Not Accepted Articles **2**

A new article [View and submit article](#)

Using „Journal Finder“: Search result display

The screenshot displays the Journal Finder interface. On the left, a sidebar contains user information (Jane Doe, University of Zurich) and navigation links (Home, My Grants, Journal Finder). The main area is divided into three sections: Subject areas, Journal Lists, and Publisher. The Subject areas section lists various fields with counts. The Journal Lists section lists Scopus, Web of Science, and DOAJ. The Publisher section lists various publishers. The search results section shows two results, each with a 'COMPLIANT' badge. The first result is '#Tear: Revista de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia' and the second is 'Anil Islam: Jurnal Kebudayaan dan Ilmu Keislaman'. A yellow circle highlights the search results area, and a yellow arrow points from the 'Search options' box to the search bar. Another yellow arrow points from the 'Search result' box to the first search result.

Search options

Search result

Using „Journal Finder“: Search result display (ctd.)

2D Materials
 Publisher: [IOP Publishing](#) | eISSN: 2053-1583
 Subject areas: [General Chemistry](#), [Mechanical Engineering](#), [Mechanics of Materials](#), [General Materials Science](#), [Condensed Matter Physics](#)
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2D Materials is a multidisciplinary, electronic-only journal devoted to publishing fundamental and applied research of the highest quality and impact covering all aspects of graphene and related two-dimensional materials.

Estimated CHF 3,600.00
 This is a Hybrid Journal: the SNSF does not cover the fees.

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AIChE Journal
 Publisher: [Wiley](#) | ISSN: 0001-1541 | eISSN: 1547-5905
 Subject areas: [Biotechnology](#), [General Chemical Engineering](#), [General Engineering](#), [Environmental Engineering](#)
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The AIChE Journal is the premier research monthly in chemical engineering and related fields. This peer-reviewed and broad-based journal reports on the most important and latest technological advances in core areas of chemical engineering as well as in other relevant engineering disciplines. To keep abreast with the progressive outlook of the profession, the Journal has been expanding the scope of its editorial contents to include such fast developing areas as biotechnology, electrochemical engineering, and environmental engineering. The AIChE Journal is indeed the global communications vehicle for the world-renowned researchers to exchange top-notch research findings with one another. Subscribing to the AIChE Journal is like having immediate access to nine topical journals in the field. Articles are categorized according to the following topical areas:

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Article Processing Charges for publishing an open access article in this journal by a corresponding author from University of Zurich are covered by an agreement between the publisher and this institution.

This is a Hybrid Journal: the SNSF does not cover the fees.

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Open Access Options
 Journal: 2D Materials(ISSN: 2053-1583), Publisher: IOP Publishing

Subscription
 Publishing Policy compliance:
 ✗ **Fail** - The option is NOT compliant with your funder's Open Access policy

Green Open Access
 Publishing Policy compliance:
 ✓ **Pass** - The option is compliant with your funder's publishing policy

Embargo period:
 ✗ **Fail** - The embargo period for this journal is 12 Month(s), which is longer than the allowed 6 Month(s)

Hybrid Open Access - CC-BY 4.0
 Publishing Policy compliance:
 ✓ **Pass** - The option is compliant with your funder's publishing policy

License type compliance:
 ✓ **Pass** - The license is allowed to publish under, for your funder

Information on hybrid and R&P

The collaboration

- > Aim: to ease admin burden for researchers
- > Timeframe and roll-out:
 - Launch June 15th, 2021
 - Communication with SNF-researchers via e-mail, blog, [webpage](#), webinars
 - Assessment in 2022 after pilot-project to decide feasibility
- > Plan: Simple & clear processing of APCs
 - If journal is pure OA: direct pay via Chronos Hub, no application via mySNF needed
 - If journal is hybrid: "JournalFinder" feature will tell researcher if a R&P agreement is in place at their institution to cover the cost.

Concerns:

- > Timeframe: trial-run until 2022– what if it does not work out?
 - ChronosHub ensures that SNSF has access to the data and the SNSF takes back administration. Details still need to be discussed
- > Limited functionality: no support for Open Access green in the pilot project
- > Focus on journal articles