

Project Transfer: Five Years Later

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Journal Transfers



Transfers and Consequences

- Why journals migrate between publishers
- The "vulnerability" of e-resource access during transfers
- Problems:
 - Interrupted access
 - Delayed access
 - Disappearing back files
 - Wrangling over entitlements
 - Changed login or authentication procedures
 - Admin load in fixing new or altered setups

Causes:

- Poor communication
- Different infrastructure
- Missing or scrambled data
- Lack of coordination or time
- Competing or contrary motivations

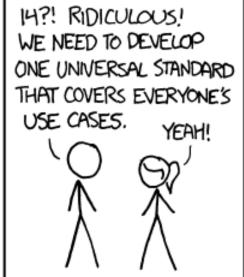
Another Standard?

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

14?! RIDICULOUS!

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SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.



SITUATION: THERE ARE 15 COMPETING STANDARDS.

(But it's not an acronym!)

http://xkcd.com/927/
By Randall Monroe

What is Transfer?

- Voluntary Code containing best practice guidelines for both Transferring and Receiving publishers
- Supported (to date) by 36 publishers who publicly endorse the Code
- An alerting service, communicating details of journals "on the move" to almost 400 registered recipients – mainly librarians
- An ongoing, if informal, program of education and presentation to help different constituencies in the library supply chain better understand each others' problems and priorities
- Supported and championed by a small working group 8
 publishers, 5 librarians and 6 others meeting once every two
 months

Transfer Online

http://www.uksg.org/Transfer/Code



Transfer Code of Practice

The Code is now in a revised Version 2.0 and covers six main areas:

- Access to the transferred title:
 - Includes ensuring continued access to customers where the Transferring publisher has granted perpetual access entitlements.
- Provisions around digital content files:
 - Covers the transfer of digital files and spans both current (born digital) and archival (digitized from print) content, where available.
- Subscription lists:
 - Covers early transfer of subscription lists and an outline of subscriber data types.
- Journal URLs:
 - Covers transfer of journal-related domain name(s) and provision of a link or redirect to the new journal home page.
- DOI name ownership:
 - Covers changes to Digital Object Identifier (DOI) name ownership.
- Communication:
 - Covers communication to customers and relevant intermediaries. Customers here include recipients of electronic ToC alerts.

How Does It Work?

- By registering as Transfer compliant, publishers agree to abide where commercially possible – by the terms of the Transfer Code of Practice
 - Remember: this endorsement is entirely voluntary
- Librarians and societies are increasingly requesting Transfer compliance in their licensing and contractual agreements with publishers
- Other reports and initiatives (from JISC Collections and others) are citing
 Transfer and recommending compliance
- Transfer's recommendations provide a useful framework for overhauling internal procedures and encouraging a degree of "self regulation" on the part of publishers
- But it's hard to give the Code more "teeth" as we have to be careful to avoid any anti-competitive practices
- And a recent informal listserv poll alerted us to several ongoing issues,
 some involving Transfer-compliant publishers

Basic Alerting Service

- Publishers provide a simple set of information items about the title transferred
 - Names of Transferring and Receiving Publishers & contact persons at both
 - Title and ISSN of journal being transferred
 - Effective transfer date
 - And some other information: see examples later
- Wherever possible, contact points for both Transferring and Receiving publishers are included
- Email alerts are generated and sent to subscribing recipients
 - Most recipients to date are librarians, but other players such as subscription agencies also interested on behalf of their customers
- More than 200 journal transfers have been notified using this mechanism
- Simple but effective. Doesn't itself solve problems, but gives a pretty good heads-up that "this might be a title to watch!"

Spreading the Word

- Transfer can only be effective if its recommendations are known and understood within the supply chain
- So we like to take opportunities like this to brief diverse audiences and argue for wider uptake
- We recognize that different players in the transfer process have different concerns and motivations
- And try to tailor information accordingly for Publishers, Societies, and Librarians
- Central control or coordination within the publishing house helps avoid problems and encourages prompt and effective communication to the market
- Publishers need to be aware of the downstream effects of transfer operations, so that they can avoid or mitigate any problems that could arise
- Societies are encouraged to support Transfer compliance, whether they self-publish or partner with commercial publishers

Publishers Endorsing Transfer

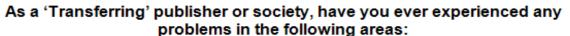
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American Institute of Physics	Oxford University Press
American Psychological Association	Palgrave Macmillan
BioMed Central	Royal Society of Chemistry
Brill	Sage Publications
Cambridge University Press	Society for General Microbiology
Elsevier	Springer
Emerald	Taylor & Francis
IOP	Walter de Gruyter
IOS Press	Wiley Blackwell

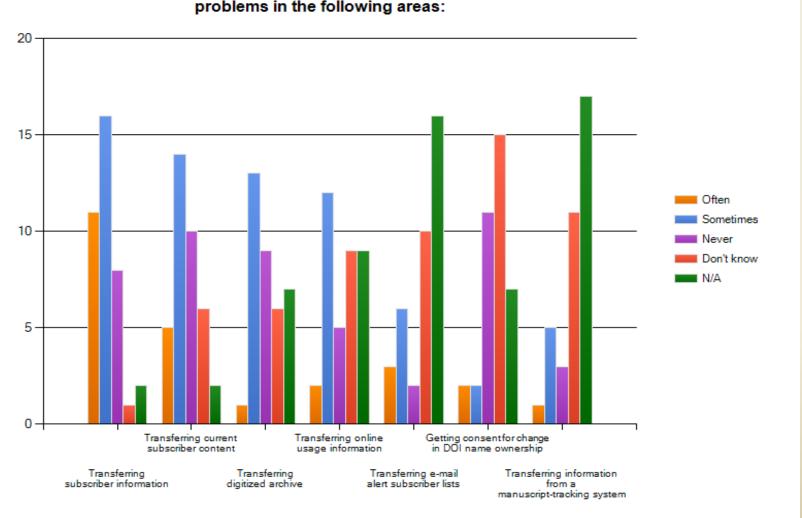
Complete list of publishers: http://www.uksg.org/transfer/transfer publishers

Publisher Survey

- June 2010
- Emailed 1,824 pubs in 40 countries
- Response rate 8.3%
- 151 respondents: 34 commercial publishers; 8 nonprofits; 16 societies; 7 university presses

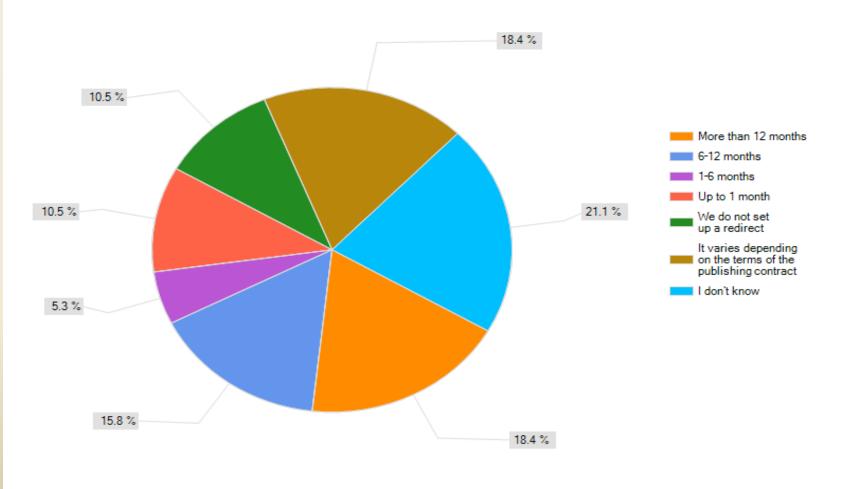
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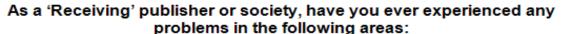


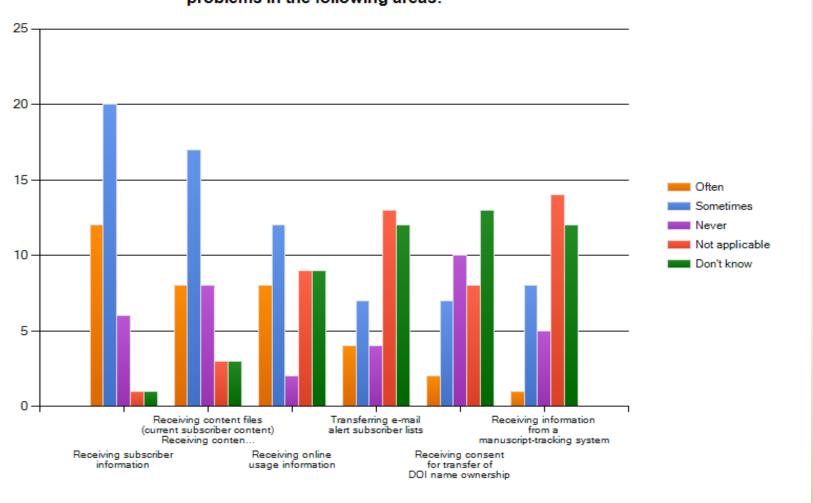
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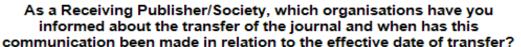


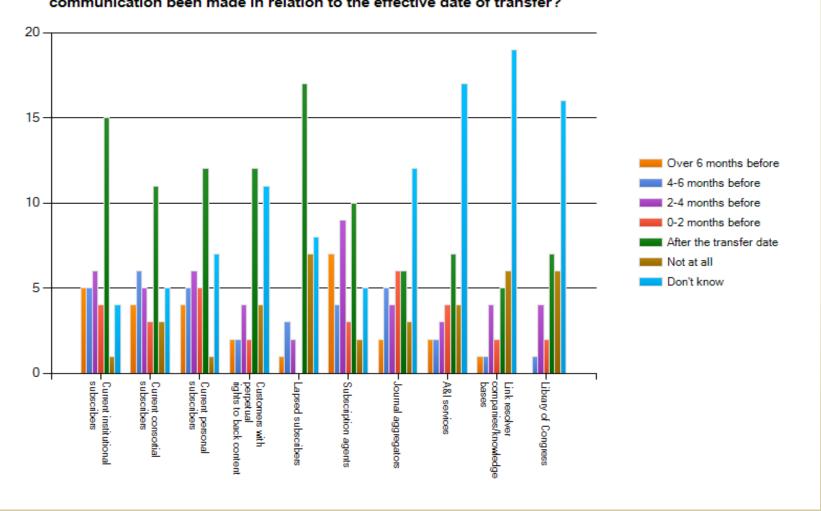
Issues Relating to *Receiving* Journals





Managing the Communication Process



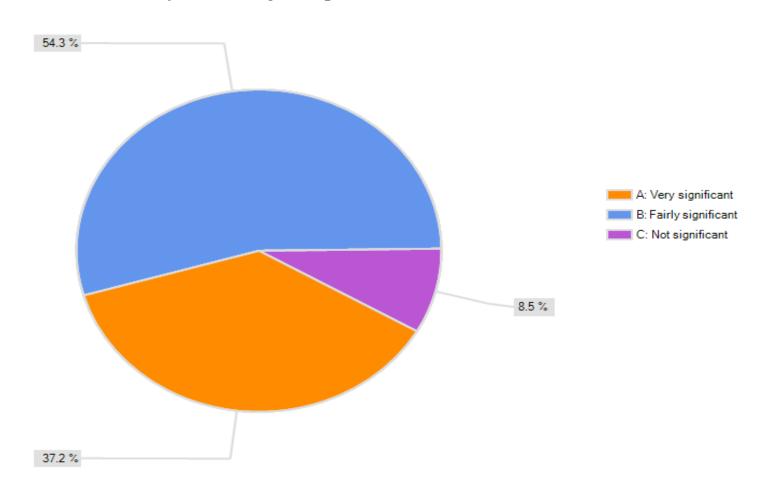


Librarian Survey

- May 2011. The survey was sent out in collaboration with the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC).
- 164 respondents: 65% North America, 14% Europe, 14.5% Asia-Pacific

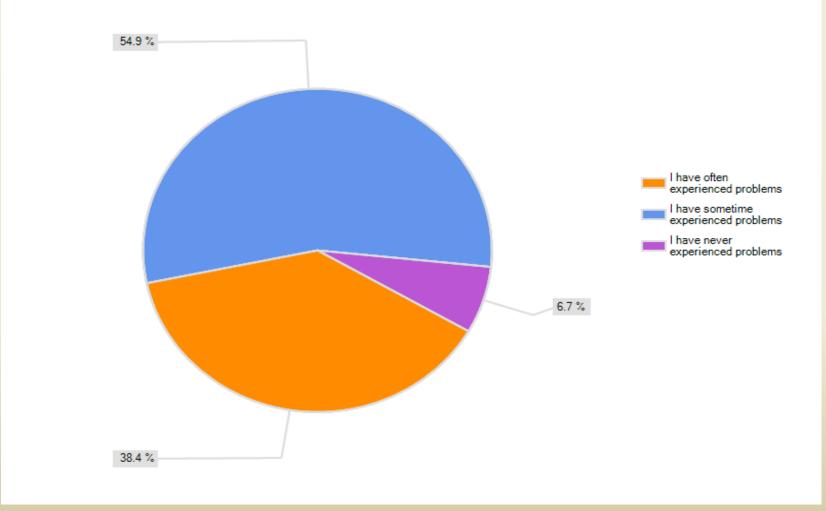
Managing Access to Journals

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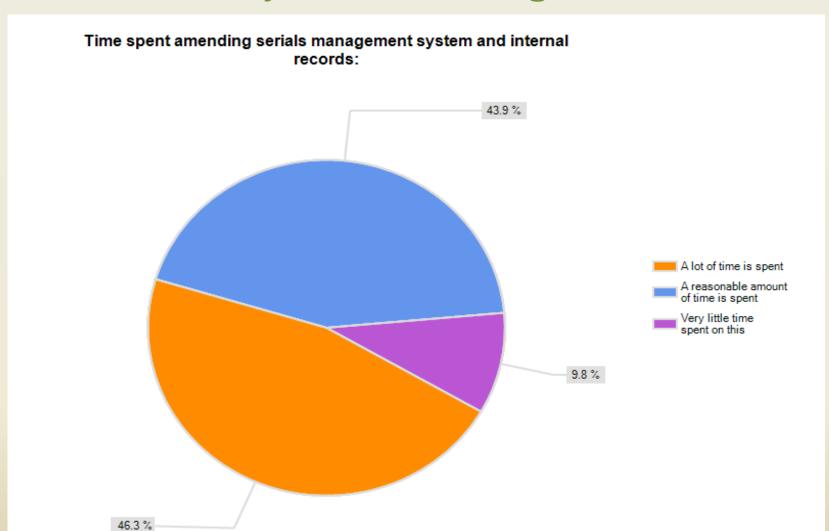


Library Subscription Issues

Subscription information (eg delays in subs data being transferred to the new publisher; subscription agents and other intermediaries like knowledgebase vendors not informed):



Library Serials Management



Librarian Transfer Awareness

- "The initiative is helping. The transfer notification list and archive is becoming a useful knowledgebase of information. The transfer listserv and the website have both been very useful to me—please continue to develop them further!"
- "I have noticed that many publishers are getting better at communicating—more specific emails, easier-to-find lists on their websites, improved access icons."
- "Certainly the issues around transfer titles have reduced since Project Transfer started."

What Librarians Can Do

Tell your (librarian) friends about Transfer

Encourage publishers that you buy from to endorse Transfer (if they don't already)

Use the new Enhanced Transfer Alerting Service

http://etas.jusp.mimas.ac.uk/

Search here

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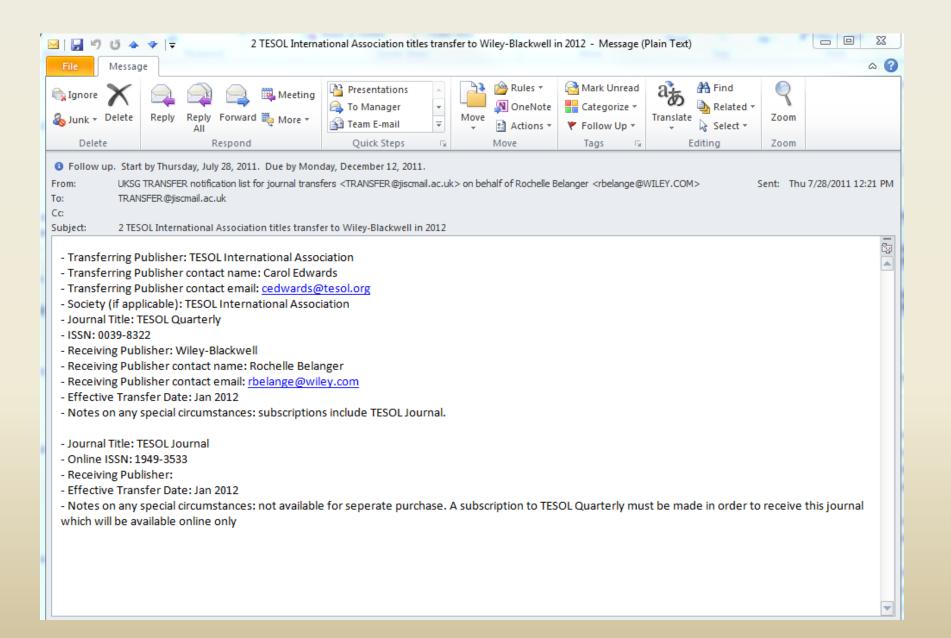
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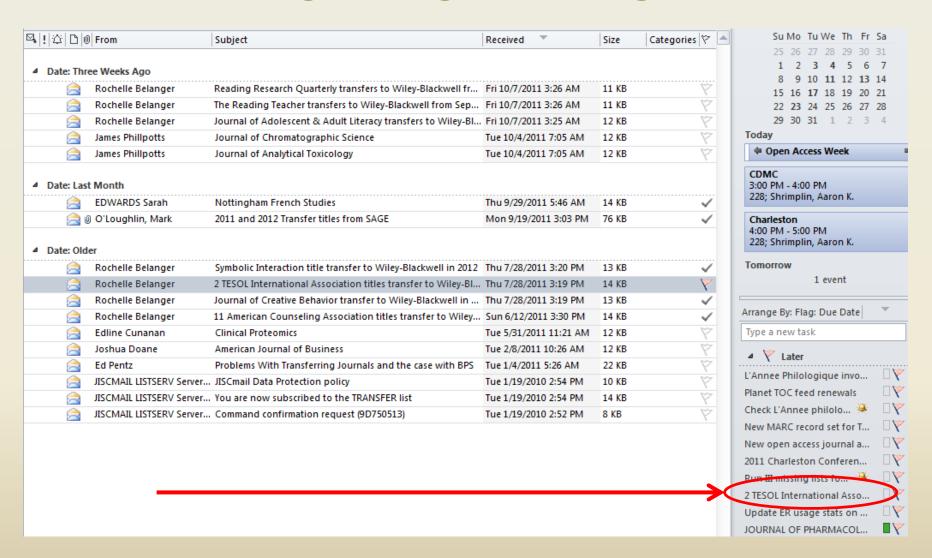
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	James Phillpotts	Journal of Analytical Toxicology	Tue 10/4/2011 7:05 AM	12 KB	É
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Before: Original Transfer Alerting Service



Before: Using the Original Alerting Service



After: Upgrading the Alerting Service



After: Upgrading the Alerting Service

- The basic alerting service "does a job" and is in daily use
 - Drop in some numbers
 - Put in a couple of very recent postings
- Somewhat restrictive and not very scalable
- Enhancements proposed by the Transfer team to UKSG
- JISC funding approved for an ETAS (Enhanced Transfer Alerting Service)
- Encompassing improvements in the alerting service itself and putting in place a proper, searchable database to underpin and complement the service
- MIMAS (based at the University of Manchester, UK) will host and run the service as part of JUSP (Journal Usage Statistics Portal)
- ETAS has been designed, built, and released
- Historical information still being loaded

ETAS Home







Enhanced Transfer Alerting Service

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Search transfers

Transfer form (login required)

Transfer bulk upload (login required)

Welcome

The UKSG Transfer Code of Practice (http://www.uksg.org/transfer) is a set of voluntary best practices for scholarly publishers to ensure that when journals transfer between parties the process occurs with minimum disruption and that the content remains accessible. The Code was developed under the auspices of UKSG by a Working Group composed of librarians, publishers and subscription agents. The UKSG Transfer Code calls for Endorsing Publishers (http://www.uksg.org/transfer/transfer_publishers) to provide alerts about journal transfers.

To help publishers and to make it easy for librarians and readers to be notified of journal transfers and search previous alerts, UKSG has collaborated with JUSP, JISC and Cranfield University to create this Enhanced Transfer Alerting Service.

For complete information about the UKSG Transfer Code of Practice please visit the UKSG website (http://www.uksq.org/transfer).

ETAS Latest Transfer Notifications

ETAS RSS 2.0 Feed

International Journal of Circumpolar Health

Print ISSN: 12399736 Online ISSN:

22423982

Effective transfer date: 2012-03-19

To: Co-Action Publishing

From: International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers Sat. 24 Mar 2012 09:37:38 +0000

Journal of the Institute of Brewing

Print ISSN: 00469750

Effective transfer date: 2012-05-01

To: Wiley Blackwell From: Scientific Societies Fri, 23 Mar 2012 16:04:29 +0000

Journal of Radiation Research

Print ISSN: 04493060 Online ISSN:

13499157

Effective transfer date: 2012-07-01

To: Oxford University Press

From: previously self-published, online

through J-Stage

Wed, 29 Feb 2012 15:50:08 +0000

ETAS Search Form







Enhanced Transfer Alerting Service

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Search Transfers

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Multi-field search tips

Search terms	Search Type	Returns records containing
collaborative environments	Or	'collaborative' or 'environments'
+collaborative +environments	And	'collaborative' and 'environments'
"collaborative environments"	Phrase	the phrase 'collaborative environments'
+collaborative - environments	And Not	'collaborative' but not 'environments'
coll*	Wildcard	'collection', 'collision', 'collaborative', 'colloidal', etc.

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ETAS Search Results







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Transfer details

Export record

	Receiving Publisher
Name	Co-Action Publishing
Contact name	Anne Bindslev
Contact email	anne.bindslev@co-action.net
Transfer compliant	Yes
	Transferring Publisher
Name	International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers
Contact name	Riitta Aittamaa
Contact email	riitta.aittamaa@oulu.fi
Transfer compliant	No
	Journal
Title	International Journal of Circumpolar Health
Society	International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers
Print ISSN	1239-9736
Online ISSN	2242-3982
DOI	
Frequency	No issues as from 2012 - articles published as they become accepted

ETAS Search Results

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Contact name	Riitta Aittamaa
Contact email	riitta.aittamaa@oulu.fi
Transfer compliant	No
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Society	International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers
Print ISSN	1239-9736
Online ISSN	2242-3982
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Frequency	No issues as from 2012 - articles published as they become accepted
	Transfer details
URL	www.circumpolarhealthjournal.net
Effective transfer date	2012-03-19
First vol, issue, date	71, ,
Special circumstances	Open Access. No longer published with issues. No longer printed. No longer subscription sales.
	Perpetual access
Digital preservation agreements	CLOCKSS; LOCKSS; Portico;
Perpetual access policies	Journal history http://www.circumpolarhealthjournal.net/index.php/ijch/about/history1972

Exporting Records







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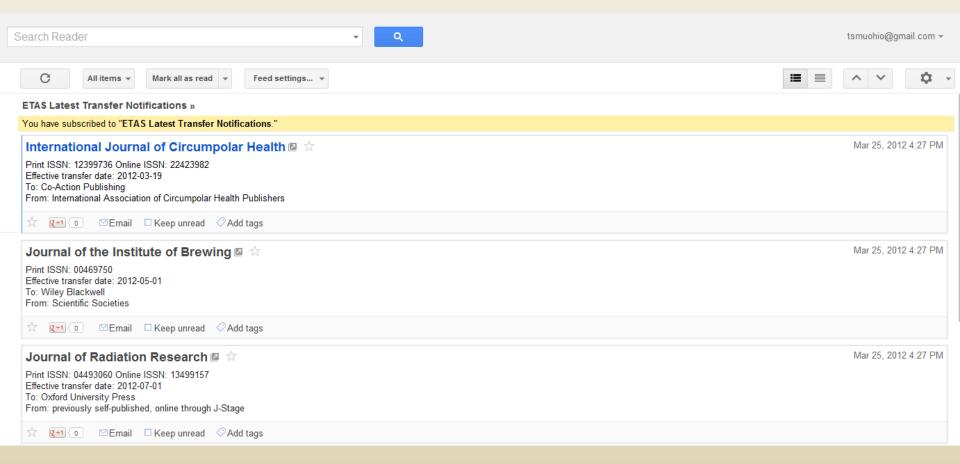
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Transfer details

Export record

	Receiving Publisher
Name	Co-Action Publishing
Contact name	Anne Bindslev
Contact email	anne.bindslev@co-action.net
Transfer compliant	Yes

ETAS RSS Feed in Reader



ETAS for Publishers

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ETAS for Publishers

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What's Next?

- Version 3.0
 - Preservation
 - Discovery Services and Link Resolvers
 - Search Engine Discoverability
 - Social Media and Apps
 - -Transfer of Contact Information
 - Formal Recommendation?

Getting Involved

Everyone:

Learn more about Transfer:

http://www.uksg.org/transfer

Librarians:

Learn about the Enhanced Transfer Alerting Service:

http://etas.jusp.mimas.ac.uk/

Publishers:

Talk to us about endorsing the Code of Practice:

http://www.uksg.org/Transfer/Code

Thank you!

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