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Concordia University ventures into open access book publishing

Concordia University Press is Quebec's first fully open access scholarly press to publish in both French and English.

By ANQI SHEN | NOV 28 2016

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At a time when publishers and libraries are grappling with economic pressures, Concordia University has jumped into the fray, launching its own scholarly press that will operate out of the university library.

Concordia University Press is Quebec's first fully open access academic press and will publish books in English and French. The goal, according to university librarian Guylaine Beaudry

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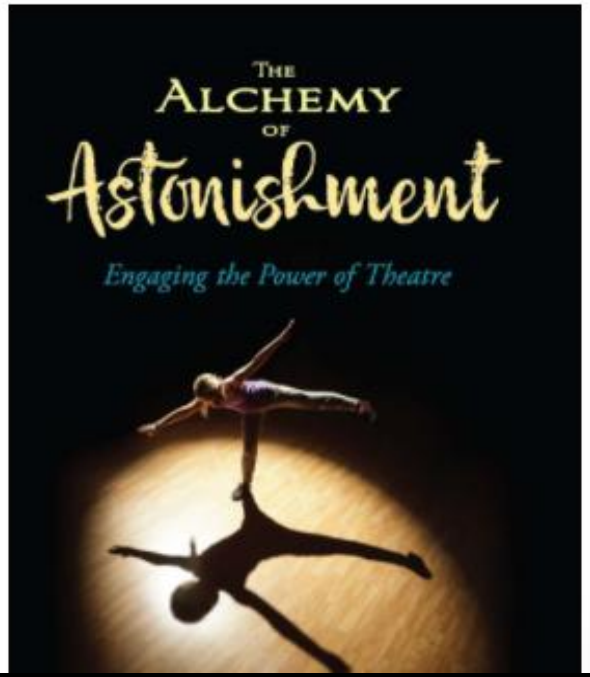

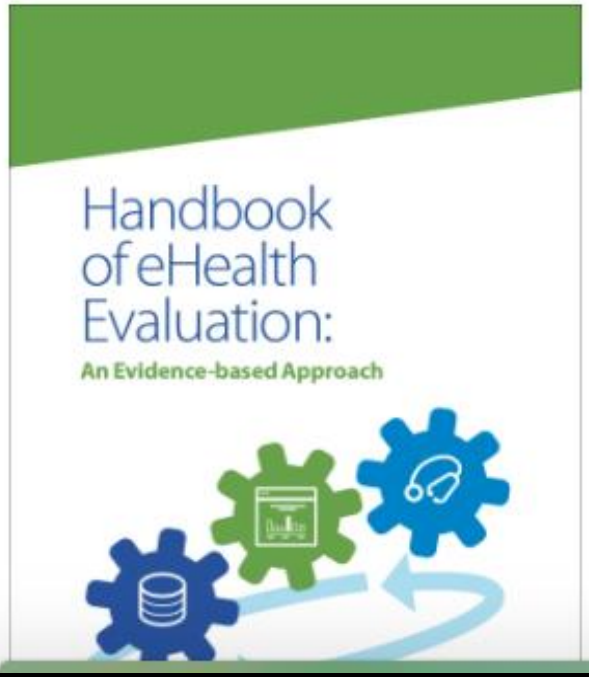

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US court grants Elsevier millions in damages from Sci-Hub

Some doubt that the publishing giant will see any money from the pirate site.

Quirin Schiermeier

22 June 2017

Rights & Permissions

One of the world's largest science publishers, Elsevier, won a default legal judgement on 21 June against websites that provide illicit access to tens of millions of research papers and books. A New York district court awarded Elsevier US$15 million in damages for copyright infringement by Sci-Hub, the Library of Genesis (LibGen) project and related sites.

Judge Robert Sweet had ruled in October 2015 that the sites violate US copyright. The court

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The State of OA: A large-scale analysis of the prevalence and impact of Open Access articles

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Abstract

Despite growing interest in Open Access (OA) to scholarly literature, there is an unmet need for large-scale, up-to-date, and reproducible studies assessing the prevalence and characteristics of OA. We address this need using oaDOI, an open online service that determines OA status for 67 million articles.

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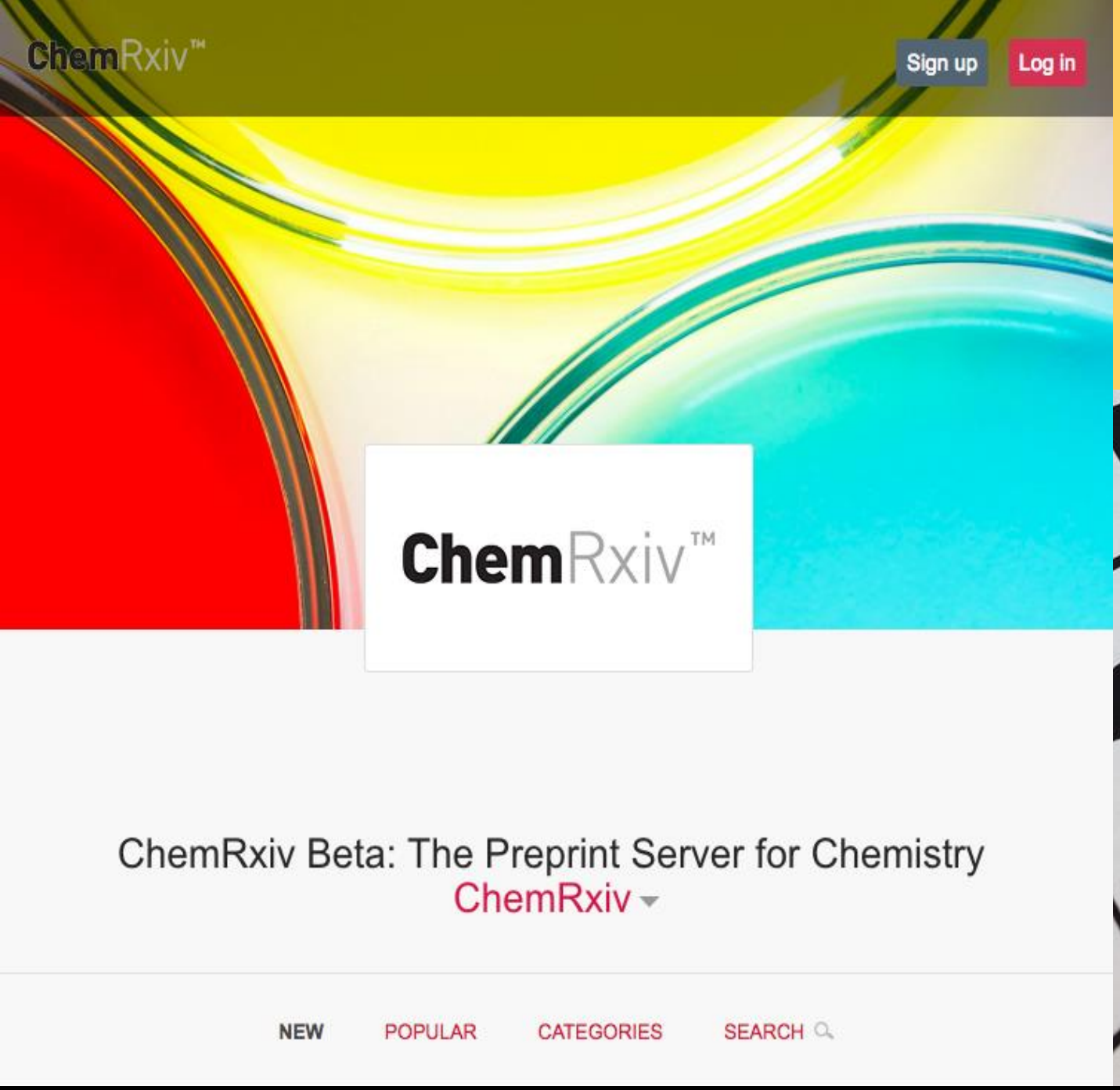
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American Chemical Society wins preliminary finding against Sci-Hub

Judge says the distributor of pirated papers violated ACS's copyright and trademark protections

By ***Andrea Widener***

A U.S. district court in Alexandria, Va., has issued a preliminary finding supporting the American Chemical Society in its **case against the internet pirate site Sci-Hub**.

Magistrate Judge John F. Anderson agreed that Sci-Hub violated ACS's copyright and trademark protections when it provided free access to stolen journal articles. ACS publishes C&EN.

"Sci-Hub's actions merit a strong deterrent," Anderson wrote. Sci-Hub should be ordered to stop distributing ACS's copyrighted work and imitating its trademarked content, such as web pages, he recommended. Anderson also supported ordering internet service providers, such as search engines, domain name registries, or web hosting services, to stop distributing ACS content on Sci-Hub's site. ACS should receive the $4.8 million in damages it requested, Anderson advised.

The filing is a recommendation to Judge Leonie M. Brinkema, who will issue a final ruling,

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ResearchGate Backs Down

The scholarly social media platform ResearchGate has reportedly started to take down large numbers of research papers shared in breach of copyright.

By Lindsay McKenzie // October 11, 2017

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ResearchGate, a popular tool used by scholars to share their work, is taking down many researchers' work, apparently in response to demands from publishers.

Last week a group of scholarly publishers signaled that they had had enough of ResearchGate.

The networking site, which enables researchers to easily upload and share their (sometimes publisher copyrighted) research papers, has been the target of publishers' ire for some time, but now it seems the situation has escalated, with some publishers threatening legal action.

In a statement on Oct. 5, the Coalition for Responsible Sharing said that the publishers had been "left with no other choice but to take formal steps to remedy the illicit hosting of millions of subscription articles on the ResearchGate site" after their attempts to

https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/10/11/researchgate-bows-publisher-pressure-and-removes-some-papers

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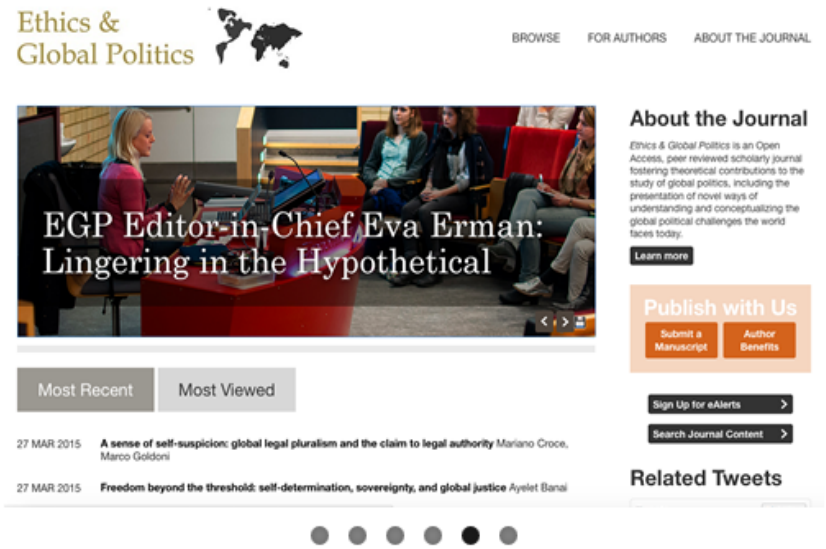

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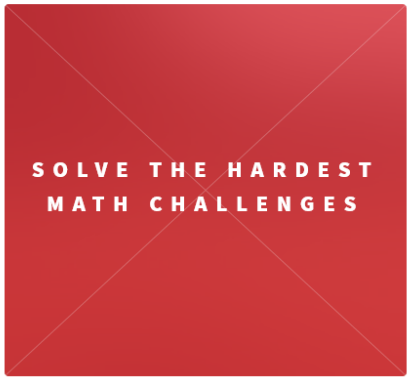

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A.K.A. How not to publish in an undesirable journal

Key Things to Consider When Assessing a Journal*

*It's up to you to weigh these factors in order to make your decision.

Don't trust unsolicited emails

- If a call for submission does not come from a trusted source, treat it as spam.

Be similarly wary of unsolicited offers to join editorial boards or conference invitations.

Review several issues of the journal

- Check for writing and research quality, relevance to discipline and adequate copy editing.

Review the journal website. It should contain:

- a clear and appropriate scope;
- an editorial board with recognized experts and current contact information for them;
- a description of the peer review process;
- transparent information about whether article processing charges (APCs) or other fees are charged.

Check that any impact metrics listed by the journal are recognized and reputable

e.g. Journal Impact Factor, H-index, Eigenfactor

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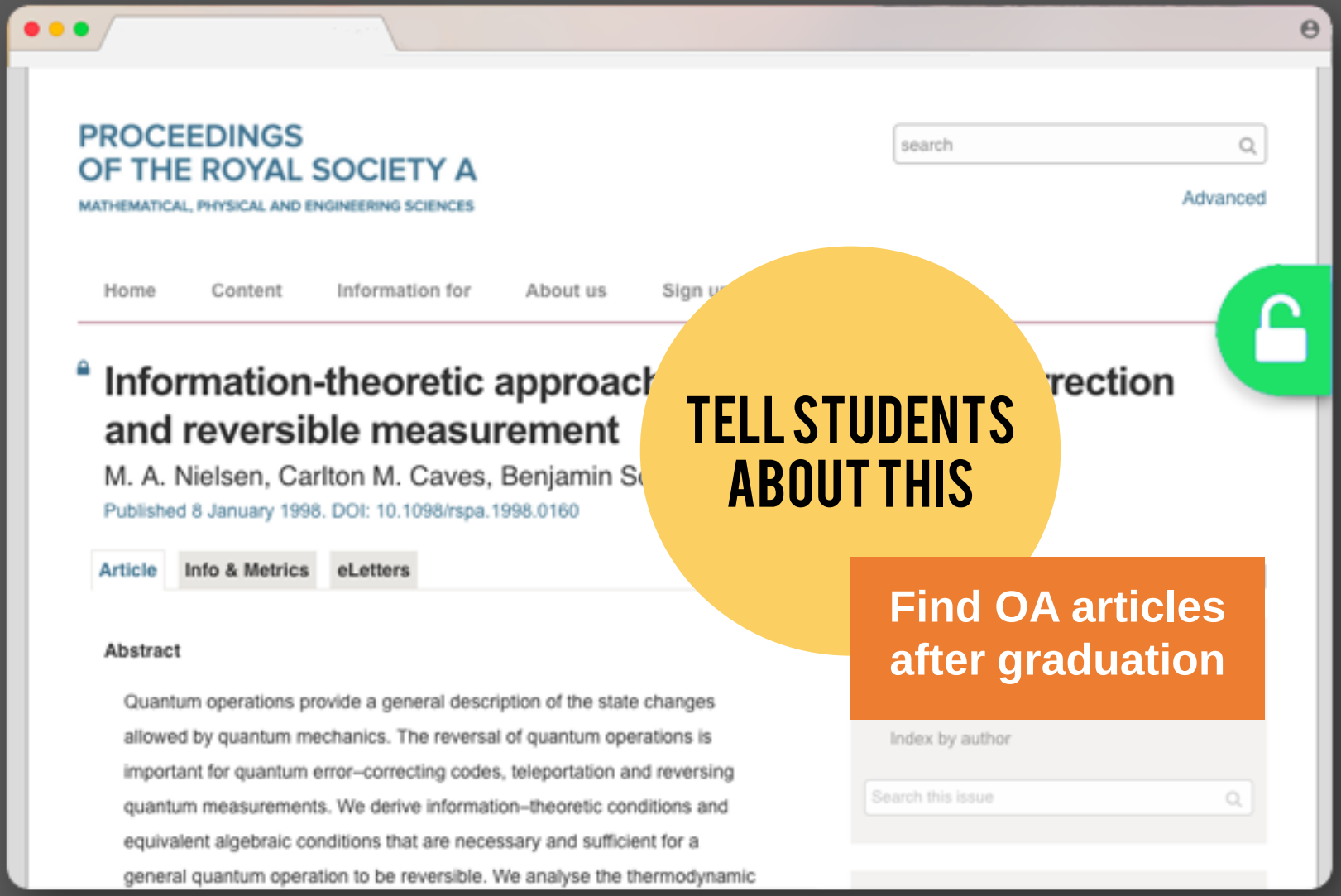

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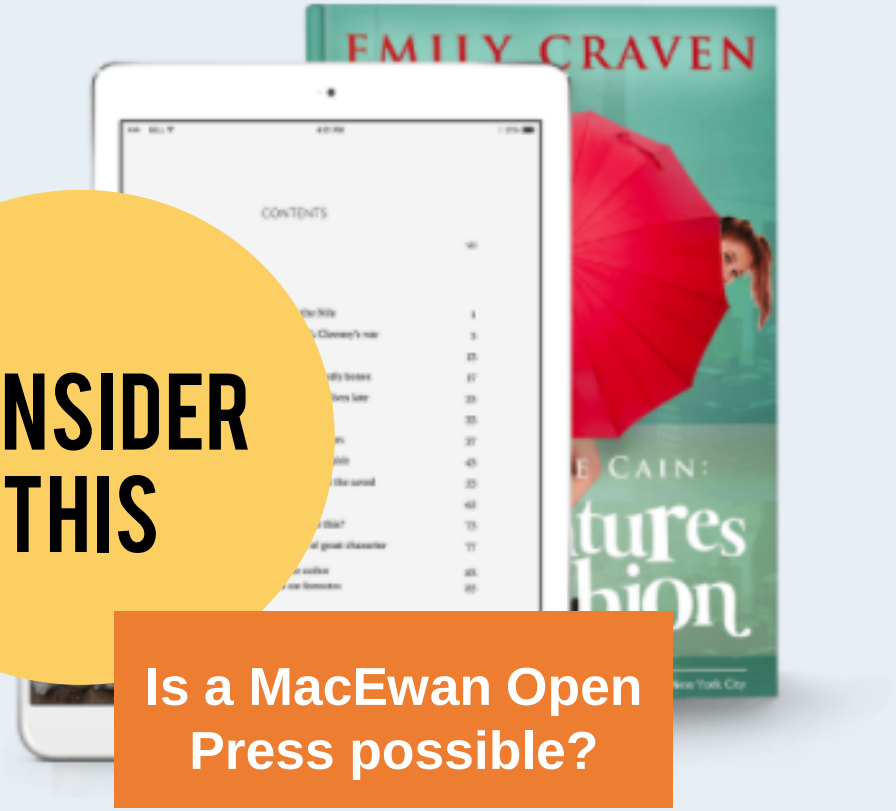

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Facilitator: Robyn Hall, Scholarly Communications Librarian

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