

SciPost Sponsorship Agreement

Preamble

The SciPost Foundation - The SciPost Foundation (hereafter SciPost) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing, implementing and maintaining innovative forms of electronic scientific communication and publishing. It is registered under Dutch Chamber of Commerce nr 65280083, RSIN 856049487 (its charter is available online at the Foundation's webpage). Its Board is composed of a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer (respectively Prof. J.-S. Caux, Dr J. van Mameren and Dr J. van Wezel).

Activities - SciPost operates the SciPost.org interactive online portal for the benefit of the international scientific community and further interested parties. SciPost implements the **Genuine Open Access** principles of Community Ownership, Open Infrastructure, Copyright to Authors, Open Access, Open Citations, Fee Free, Non Profit, Open Finances and Academic Editing.

SciPost offers fully professional publishing facilities including:

- open access to all publications in all its Journals (Creative Commons licenses)
- no subscription fees for readers or article processing charges for authors
- copyright to authors
- innovative open forms of refereeing with pre- and post-publication review/comments
- strict decoupling between financial and editorial matters
- top-quality editorial work performed exclusively by active professional scientists
- DOI registration and professional metadata handling through Crossref
- permanent archiving in CLOCKSS
- full integration with Crossmark and FundRef (funding info metadata)
- open citations through participation in the Initiative for Open Citations

Besides the Journals, the portal contains Submissions (manuscripts under consideration), Commentaries (moderated comments on and supplementary material to any published academic paper or preprint) and Theses (centralized database of links to Habilitation, PhD and Master's Theses) sections.

Financing

SciPost relies on the financial support of (academic) organizations, such as funding agencies, universities, libraries, governmental bodies and foundations. These sponsorships are used to cover the activities and staffing of SciPost:

- Development, maintenance and operation of the web infrastructure at SciPost.org;
- Administration of all site-related activities;
- Production of publications in all SciPost Journals;
- Provision of metadata services for academic organizations;

- Development of new publishing-related services for the international scientific community.

All details of SciPost's finances are made publicly available. A detailed yearly financial statement covering all of SciPost's activities is published online on our [finances page](#) after the end of each financial exercise.

SciPost Sponsors Board

The Sponsors Board is constituted by the collective of organizations which provide the main financial backing for SciPost. SciPost relies on its Sponsors Board to counsel it in all its operations and to help determine its development priorities. The Sponsors Board has a yearly virtual general meeting, organized by SciPost. During this meeting, Sponsors-related topics are discussed, recommendations to the SciPost can be put forward, and general issues can be discussed.

Benefits

SciPost provides its Sponsors with a mark of appreciation and recognition for their donations in the form of:

1. Inclusion in the online listing of Sponsors on the SciPost website;
2. A seat on the SciPost Sponsors Board, including access to yearly meetings;
3. Opportunities to interact and discuss with SciPost representatives and provide feedback and suggestions.

Editorial decoupling

Sponsorships are entirely decoupled from all editorial work performed and decisions taken for all submissions to and publications in SciPost Journals. To guarantee editorial independence, the Sponsor waives any claim on publication or posting decisions taken by the SciPost Editorial College and its Fellows.

Sponsorship level and duration

Sponsorship level is compiled by calendar year. In this Agreement, Sponsors can indicate yearly sponsorship levels and duration of the Agreement. SciPost does not set a fixed amount for an individual organization's sponsorship level for a given year. Instead, we suggest an appropriate sponsorship level based on the average NAP (Number of Associated Publications) of an institution:

Major contributor:	NAP (average) per year (last 3 years) > 5	€ 5,000/year
Medium contributor:	NAP (average) per year (last 3 years) = 3-5	€ 2,500/year
Modest contributor:	NAP (average) per year (last 3 years) < 3	€ 1,000/year

NAPs of an organization are listed at <https://scipost.org/organizations/> and indicate a (co-)authorship from that organisation. Estimations of publishing expenditures can be found at <https://scipost.org/finances/apex>. Organizations are free to choose their sponsorship level and to renew or terminate their support every year. Sponsorship and editorial decisions are fully separated from any possible support.

SciPost has been designated as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO; in Dutch: Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling, ANBI) by the Dutch Tax Administration.

Activation procedure

In order to become a Sponsor, the required details at the end of this Agreement should be filled in and emailed to sponsors@scipost.org. After official signatures by both parties, payment shall be arranged in coordination with SciPost's financial administration.

Term, renewal and termination

This Agreement will be valid for the entire calendar years stated in the Agreement (running for the 1st of January of the first year, to the 31st of December of the last year). A renewal notice will be sent to existing Sponsors four months before the end of any current Agreement.

Any party may terminate this Agreement at any time on the material breach or repeated other breaches by the other of any obligation on its part under this Agreement, by serving a written notice on the other identifying the nature of the breach. The termination will become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of the written notice, unless during the relevant period of thirty (30) days the defaulting party remedies the breach forthwith by written notice to the other party.

Governing law and dispute resolution

This Agreement shall be governed by Dutch law and the parties irrevocably agree that any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement will be subject to and within the jurisdiction of the Dutch courts.

General

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior communications, understandings and agreements (whether written or oral) relating to its subject matter and may not be amended or modified except by agreement of both parties in writing.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the continuation in force of the remainder of this Agreement.

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SciPost Sponsorship Agreement

Through the present Agreement,

Organization _____

Represented by _____

Contact email _____

Postal address _____

(optional) in Consortium _____

hereafter named the Sponsor, agrees to become a Sponsor of SciPost, including membership of the SciPost Sponsors Board, under the terms and conditions contained in this document.

Date, duration and sponsorship level

The Membership Agreement shall have the following detailed terms:

Years covered..... _____

Donation level (yearly) .. _____

SciPost will communicate with the Sponsor upon receipt of the signed Agreement (and, if applicable, yearly thereafter). The agreed donation is to be paid yearly, within 60 days of invoicing.

Signatures

On behalf of the Sponsor,

On behalf of SciPost,

The signed copy should be scanned and emailed back to sponsors@scipost.org.