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ScienceOpen and World Health Summit announce strategic partnership



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Berlin, Germany and Boston, USA, 9 September 2014. [ScienceOpen](#), the new Open Access (OA) research + publishing network, and the [World Health Summit](#), the [pre-eminent](#) forum for addressing global health issues, are delighted to announce their strategic partnership.

The topical issue of climate change and health is top priority at [this year's Summit](#) to be held from October 19-22 at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. As [Dr Margaret Chan, WHO Director General said](#) "the evidence is overwhelming: climate change endangers human health. Solutions exist and we need to act decisively to change this trajectory".

Initiated in 2009 on the occasion of the 300th year anniversary of the [Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin](#), the new partners align around their shared vision that real and lasting change in global health is catalyzed through collaboration and open dialogue. "Only a global collaboration that unites academia, the private sector, politics and civil society can provide the key to solving the problems of health and health systems today and tomorrow" explain the WHS Presidents 2014, Prof José Otávio Costa Auler Jr. and Prof Detlev Ganten.

A clear signal that the global health community welcomes a more open conversation has been the increase of [Open Access](#) (OA) to the medical literature as an ideal way of disseminating knowledge in this field. Open Access to global health information means it is free to read and re-use for any purpose (with attribution) which:

- Broadens the conversation with those in low income countries
- Facilitates global research cooperation
- Provides health policy makers with quality information
- Helps clinicians and patients make better informed decisions

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In addition, ScienceOpen has aggregated over 1.3 million OA articles from leading publishers from over 2 million networked authors which allows users to combine global health content from a variety of sources.

In recognition of this exciting new partnership, [ScienceOpen](#) welcomes submissions of materials pertaining to the forthcoming World Health Summit and we are privileged to be attending.

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