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Strategic collaboration agreement signed between ScienceOpen and Pensoft

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The research discovery platform [ScienceOpen](#) and [Pensoft Publishers](#) have entered into a strategic collaboration partnership with the aim of strengthening the companies' identities as the leaders of innovative content dissemination. The new cooperation will focus on the unified indexation, the integration of Pensoft's [ARPHA Platform](#) content into ScienceOpen and the utilization of novel streams of scientific communication for the published materials.

Pensoft is an independent academic publishing company, well known worldwide for bringing novelty, its cutting-edge publishing tools and commitment to open access practices. In 2013, Pensoft launched the first ever, end-to-end, XML-based, authoring, reviewing and publishing workflow, as demonstrated by the [Biodiversity Data Journal](#) (BDJ) now upgraded to the [ARPHA Publishing Platform](#). As of today, ARPHA hosts [over 50](#) open-access, peer-reviewed scholarly journals: the whole Pensoft portfolio in addition to titles owned by learned societies, university presses and research institutions.

As part of the strategic collaboration, all Pensoft content and journals hosted on ARPHA are indexed in the [ScienceOpen's research discovery environment](#), which puts it into thematic context of over 60 million articles and books. In addition, thousands of articles across more than 20 journals were integrated into a "[Pensoft Biodiversity](#)" Collection. Combined this way, the content benefits from the special infrastructure of ScienceOpen Collections, which supports thematic groups of articles and books equipped with a unique landing page, a built-in search engine and an overview of the featured content. The Collections can be reviewed, recommended and shared by users, which facilitates academic debate and increases the discoverability of the research.

"It is certainly great news and a much-anticipated milestone for Pensoft, ARPHA and our long-year partners and supporters from ScienceOpen to have brought our collaboration to a new level by indexing the whole ARPHA-hosted content at ScienceOpen," comments Pensoft's and ARPHA's CEO and founder Prof. Lyubomir Penev. "Most of all, the integration between ARPHA and ScienceOpen at an infrastructural level means that we will be able to offer this incredible service and increased visibility to newcomers journals right away. On the other hand, by streaming fresh and valuable publicly accessible content to the ScienceOpen database, these journals will be further adding to the growth of science in the open."

Stephanie Dawson, CEO of ScienceOpen says, "I am particularly excited to add new high-quality, open access biodiversity content from Pensoft Publishers to the ScienceOpen discovery environment as we have a very active community of researchers on ScienceOpen creating and sharing Collections in this field. We are looking forward to working with Pensoft's innovative journals to support their open science goals."

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The collaboration reflects not only the commitment of both Pensoft and ScienceOpen to new methods of knowledge dissemination, but also the joint mission to champion open science through innovation. The two companies will cooperate at a strategic level in order to increase the international outreach of their content and services, and to make them even more accessible to the broad community.

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About ScienceOpen:

From promotional collections to Open Access hosting and full publishing packages, [ScienceOpen](#) provides next-generation services to academic publishers embedded in an interactive discovery platform. ScienceOpen was founded in 2013 in Berlin and Boston by [Alexander Grossmann](#) and [Tibor Tscheke](#) to accelerate research communication.

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About Pensoft Publishers:

Founded in 1992 "by scientists, for scientists," Pensoft initially focused on book publishing, but has always kept innovation at the core of its business, in order to better serve clients, partners and research communities. Thus, Pensoft soon became a leading publisher of innovative open access journals.

In 2010, Pensoft was the first publisher to implement semantic tagging and enrichment of published articles as a routine editorial practice. The company is actively developing novel tools, workflows and methods for text and data publication and dissemination of scientific information, as well as technologies for semantic enrichment of content.

About ARPHA Platform:

ARPHA is a full-featured open access publishing platform for journals, books and data, with managed hosting services. Several other services (website design and setup, production, semantic markup, distribution, archiving, indexing, promotion, journal management and more) are available on choice.

Offered as Software as a Service (SaaS), ARPHA allows users to build their own publishing solution to manage and host journals, books, conference abstracts, proceedings and institutional documents.

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