Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication

Leonardo da Vinci (no introduction required)

The sustainability of the publishing industry, particularly of scientific publications, is still a very current topic, yet with no defined model for the time being.

I have recently read news that the University of California has terminated its contract with the publishing house Elsevier. The annual amount invested was roughly US$ 11 million, as reported in The Atlantic.

The decision was based on the fact that the university pays to have papers published and its scholars pay to read them and work for free for the publishing house, reviewing the papers. The university has taken the path of giving priority to open access journals.

Along the same path, many European research funding agencies have created the S Plan (Science, Solution, Speed and Shock) to make sure the funded institutions will only publish in the so-called open-access journals. The Bill & Mellissa Gates Foundation is also a signatory to the plan!

In the previous editorial, I addressed the issue of elitism in publications. Our journal is already part of this path of sharing knowledge on a universal basis. We have been open access for several years and we control our costs so that as little as possible is transferred to those who submit their papers.

In this issue, as usual, we have an extensive variety of subjects: from soccer to military training, from junior to senior sports categories, basic and experimental science, nutrition and psychology, and more.

My gratitude to all our collaborators.

Enjoy!

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