

# Consortium of Private Academic Libraries in India (COPAL)

## Draft Minutes of the meeting of Joint meeting of Publishers and Institutions

On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019, at O. P. Jindal Global University

### 1. E-Journals

It was agreed in-principle that publishers will propose e-journals packages for COPAL members, following the principles

- Pay for what you use,
- Pay for as much as you use
- Virtually everything that an institution needs should be available

The packages would be

- Major Subject wise, Compact, but scalable. (Typically list of 25, 50, 100 in each major subject areas)  
*Institutions will qualify to subscribe the subject package as per the size of their student strength in the relevant subject,*
- Prepared on the basis of information on study and research needs of member institutions.
- Each package would specify number of journals that can be swapped with other journals. This will help in eliminating journals that are not likely to be used, and inclusion of such journals that do not form part of the major subject package.
- A fix number of free/concessional article passes can be given, depending on the total packages being subscribed by an institution.

The above packages will be further subjected to moderation and negotiation with a Working Group of Library members, and then finalized.

Any changes necessitated due to discontinuation of existing journals and addition of new ones will be done with mutual discussion on annual basis.

Since, customization of journals package for each institution will require lots of backend processing, institutions need to make commitment for three year.

Billing will be made directly to the institutions on annual basis.

Institutions will have freedom to opt for similar packages from other consortium.

Ultimately aim is to have a single consortium subscription on the basis of aggregate number of students in the subject at various level, in a few years time.

## **2. E-Books**

The model:

- Buy when you need it
- Buy what you exactly need
- Buy as much as you need
- Pay same or less than print prices
- Get benefit of cost effective digital access
- Get access to millions of e-books metadata without spending a penny

It was proposed that a model of procurement of e-books on pick and choose model, as follow :

- An aggregator platform will allow publishers to upload metadata of e-books where institutions will be able to buy e-books in the same way as they buy print books. (recommendation-approval-order-access).
- Access may be either on publisher's platform or aggregator platform on perpetual basis.
- Once the access is provided billing will be done by the publishers on monthly basis. Post purchase or deposit account model can be adopted after mutual negotiation.
- Pricing will be the same or below the print prices. This will facilitate libraries to build their permanent e-books collection, without any need

to maintain the physical library, at the same time avail all benefits of digital medium at competitive prices.

- There is potential to buy print copy along with e copy for a fraction additional amount. The print copy supply may be executed through local digital printing arrangements.
- There is potential to buy part of the books or chapter.

### **3. Other Resources that can be included in the COPAL activities**

- a. Anti-plagiarism System
- b. Business Cases
- c. Multimedia
- d. Inter Library Loan
- e. Open Source Publishing
- f. Courseware

Board and AGM Meeting. December 20, 2018 at O. P. Jindal Global University. T-1 Conference Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor by lift)

### Tentative Schedule & Agenda

#### **A. Meeting of the Board: (11 am to 1 PM)**

- a. To review the activities/developments since the last meeting
- b. Registration of COPAL u/s 8 of Companies Act
- c. Membership drive
- d. COPAL website
- e. Affordable and Customised E-journals subscription models: Presentation by the President
- f. **Online platform for books, E-books and E-journals:** procurement, and resource sharing
- g. Any other item

#### **B. Lunch (1 PM to 2 PM)**

#### **C. Interaction with Publishers (2pm to 4 pm)**

- a. Presentation and discussion on proposal for e-journals subscriptions for 2019 from various publishers (so far, Taylor & Francis, Springer Nature, Brill and JSTOR have confirmed their participation. Other publishers are being contacted.
- b. Working Group formation for negotiation and finalization.
- c. LOI by the members

#### **D. Annual General meeting: (4 pm to 4.30 pm)**

Approval of the minutes of BoG  
Reconstitution of Board  
Any other item.