Negotiations for TAs by JUSTICE

About JUSTICE
(Japan Alliance of University Library Consortia for E-Resources)
- 70% of Japanese university libraries are JUSTICE members (over 560 libraries)
- Opt-in consortium
  - JUSTICE negotiates basic conditions of proposals from publishers
  - Each member decides whether to contract with the proposal agreed by the consortium

Results
- Read & Publish Agreement
  - 3 Proposals reached agreement.
  - 15 member libraries contracted CUP’s proposal.
  - 60 OA articles will be published (estimation).
- APC Discount, OA Voucher
  - 5 Proposals reached agreement.
  - 2 member libraries contracted Elsevier’s proposal.
  - 30 OA articles will be published (estimation).

Summary of TAs Proposals
from CUP
- Period: 2020-2022
- Each member chooses read-only model or Read & Publish model
- Cost: Read-only model < Read & Publish model
- Read & Publish model: unlimited APC exemption (Approval date: Aug. 2019)

from Elsevier
- Period: 2021-2023
- Each member chooses read-only model or gold OA addition model
- Library cost: Read-only model < Gold OA addition model
- Gold OA addition model: Discount APC paid by author (Approval date: Aug. 2020)

Evaluation
- Not many publishers propose TAs to JUSTICE. Because:
  - Funders and universities do not bear the additional cost of gold OA.
  - JUSTICE does not coordinate costs between universities... etc.
- Not many libraries contract TAs. Because:
  - Many universities are not prepared to consider whether or not to accept TAs.
  - Some universities have difficulty prepaying APC in bulk... etc.

Our OA negotiation policy
1. Each member can choose read-only or TAs.
2. All articles from members that choose TAs can be published on OA.
3. TAs which including full OA journals or encourage articles publishing in full OA journals are preferred.
4. OA articles must be published on CC-BY.
5. Cost-neutral.
6. Proposals that are not TAs (e.g., OA vouchers, APC discounts) are also subject to negotiation.
7. Backfiles or archive proposals are also welcome.

Background -Japanese situation-
- Green OA is the mainstream of Japan’s OA policy
  - Funders require or recommend OA, but green OA is recommended and gold OA is one of the options.
  - Some universities have OA policies, but many of them focus on green OA.
- Researchers and governments are beginning to pay attention to TAs.
  - Science Council of Japan (representative organization of Japanese scientist community) says that an organization responsible for contracts of subscription and APC should be created. (2020.9)
  - Review Group on Journal Problems (one of advisory bodies of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) says that one of short-term challenges is the optimization of subscription costs and APC. (2021.3)

What we reached through 2021 negotiations.

JUSTICE OA2020 Roadmap and the future

- Started data analysis on APC spend from Japan
- Signed the OA2020 EoI (Aug. 2016)
- Held OA2020 Transformation Workshop in Japan (Nov. 2018)
- Released JUSTICE OA2020 Roadmap (Mar. 2019)

Future
- Discuss optimal models for Japan with publishers
- Update JUSTICE OA2020 Roadmap