

## Open-Access-Policy of the INM – Leibniz Institute for New Materials

### Preamble

The INM researches and develops new materials in collaboration with academic and industrial partners worldwide. The INM is an institute of the Leibniz Association and is closely linked to Saarland University through joint professorships and collaborations.

We understand Open Access to mean free and unrestricted access to the scientific publications of our institute, without technical, financial or legal barriers.

By publishing Open Access, we increase the visibility of our research results, improve interdisciplinary and international cooperation and contribute to more efficient scientific communication and an acceleration of innovation processes.

As an institute of the Leibniz Association, the INM is guided by the “Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities”<sup>1</sup>, the “Open Access Policy of the Leibniz Association 2016-2020”<sup>2</sup> and the joint guideline on Open Access in Germany issued by the federal and state governments in 2023<sup>3</sup>.

### Self-commitment

The INM aims to publish its publicly funded research results openly accessible in general. The proportion of research results published in open access is to be successively increased.

When choosing a publication medium, INM researchers focus on reputation, thematic affiliation and quality. Under this premise, INM authors examine the possibilities of a first or second publication in Open Access.

The INM is committed to creating framework conditions that enable its authors to publish their research results freely accessible.

### Recommendations and measures

- The INM informs and advises its authors on legal and financial issues relating to Open Access. To this end, the INM has created the position of an Open Access Officer.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://openaccess.mpg.de/Berliner-Erklaerung>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Bilder\\_und\\_Downloads/Forschung/Open\\_Science/Open\\_Access\\_Policy\\_web.pdf](https://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Bilder_und_Downloads/Forschung/Open_Science/Open_Access_Policy_web.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.bmbf.de/SharedDocs/Publikationen/de/bmbf/1/772960\\_Open\\_Access\\_in\\_Deutschland.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=2](https://www.bmbf.de/SharedDocs/Publikationen/de/bmbf/1/772960_Open_Access_in_Deutschland.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2)

- The INM participates in initiatives of the Leibniz Association and Saarland University on the subject of Open Access.
- The INM participates in nationwide offsetting agreements and funding programs and thus enables its authors to publish in quality-tested publication organs at discounted conditions or free of charge in Open Access.
- The INM participates in initiatives to disclose payments for open access publications with the aim of increasing cost transparency in the scientific publishing sector (e.g. in the OpenAPC project<sup>4</sup>).
- With INMdok<sup>5</sup>, the INM operates a local repository in which all freely accessible INM publications are listed. It allows INM authors to publish their own content worthy of publication permanently and citable with little effort. All publications contained in INMdok are also listed in the Open Access portals belonging to the Leibniz Association and Saarland University.
- The INM recommends that its scientists use standardized open licenses (Creative Commons licenses) for their publications.
- When applying for third-party funding, INM scientists also apply for separate publication funds where possible in order to be able to publish project-related research results in Open Access media.
- The INM welcomes the active involvement of INM researchers in recognized Open Access journals, for example as reviewers or editors.

## Further Development

The INM - Leibniz Institute for New Materials will ensure that the implementation of this Open Access Policy is regularly reviewed and further developed, taking into account impulses from the Leibniz Association and the scientific community.

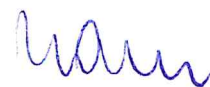
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<sup>4</sup> <https://openapc.net/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://opus.bsz-bw.de/inmdok>