# **Open Access & Creative Licensing**

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## **Discussion points**

- Rights & licensing in STM publishing space
- Business Models & Open Access
- Implications of Gold OA on Licensing
- Creative Commons

# **UN Declaration Human Rights (1948) Article 27**

- (1) Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to <u>share in scientific</u> advancement and its benefits.
- (2) Everyone has the right to the <u>protection of the moral and</u> <u>material interests</u> resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.



# Rights in STM publishing

- Traditional contract issues:
  - Author-publisher (upstream)
    - Transfer of rights (or license of rights) from authors to publisher
  - Use (downstream) of digital content
    - Library & other customer subscription access agreements
    - On-line use (terms & conditions)
    - Secondary licensing rights (CMOs, permissions, adaptations)



## **Creative licensing**

- STM industry developments re on-line access & licensing (starting late 1990's):
  - Clarity
  - Anticipated uses
  - Warranties & service issues
  - Online or electronic if possible
- Others in academic/research space also experimented with on-line terms
  - Adopting from Open Source ("O/S") licensing
  - Online terms, no written paper-based contracts



### **Business models & OA**

- Traditional copyright models
  - Sell access, copies or a right to copy
  - STM publishing: subscriptions, permissions
- OA (free at the point of access) models:
  - Green: through informal posting on pre-print servers or web sites (normally of pre-final versions of articles)
  - Gold: supported by research funders or institutions or directly by authors (through "publishing charges") of final versions
    - In both OA-only or "hybrid" journals



# Online OA posting requirements

#### Green:

- Journal publishing agreement between author-publisher ("JPA") may require author to:
  - Identify Journal & update posted record re publication status, DOI link
  - Indicate any further use-distribution limitations
  - Honour specified waiting period





# Online OA posting requirements

#### Gold:

- Funding agency or other institution may require author to:
  - Post (sometimes to specified site)
  - Final version (or publishers may offer discounts for pre-final versions with peer-review comments)
  - Accessible within specified period
- Publishers providing OA generally include online usage terms & conditions





# OA downstream licensing requirements

#### Gold:

- Funding agencies requiring or suggesting:
  - Creative Commons license
  - Often the CC version permitting maximum re-use (CC BY)
- Publishers also adopting to CC approaches:
  - "Apparent simplicity"
  - Market demands

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# **Creative commons- O/S history**

- "Free software" movement 1983

   became
   O/S 1998
- Engineers post software that can be used by other engineers, re-combined & new versions re-posted
- GNU general public license commonly used— free to use provided new versions using O/S code also use same terms ("share-alike")

Open Source Initiative logo TM

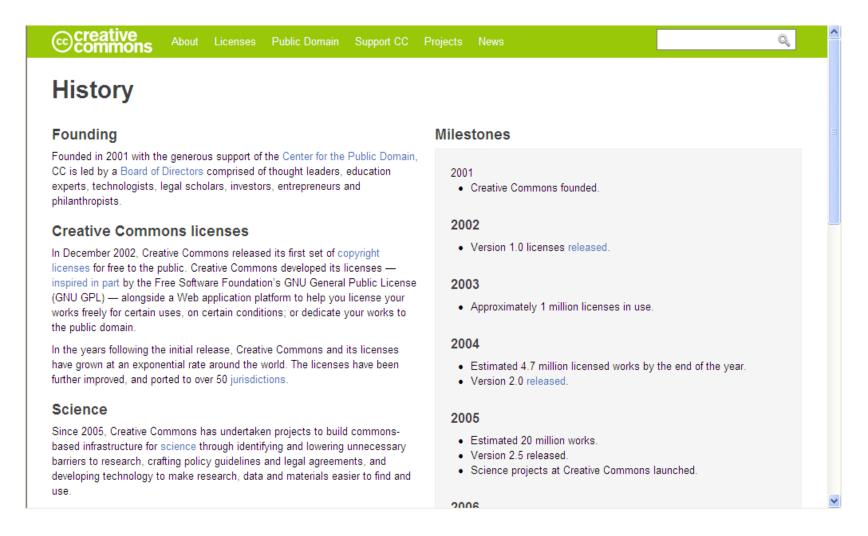


# **Creative commons– why?**

- Creative Commons founded 2001/2002 by Lawrence Lessig ("free culture") & others
- Supporting new methods for distributing content by
  - Providing legal support for creators to post their content online directly but with license
  - "some rights reserved" (vs. "all rights")
  - Broadcast to narrow-cast (even one-to-one exchanges)



# Creativecommons.org





## **Creative commons– what?**

- Used to indicate at <u>digital object</u> level
  - What rights are permitted & what is prohibited by the copyright owner or "poster"

CC layers

Computer code

Symbols & simple explanations

Full-bore legal license (text)





#### Variations in CC licenses



**Attribution CC BY** 

Any & all uses permitted if original creator attributed



Attribution-ShareAlike CC BY –SA

As above provided user makes derivative work available under same license (O/S)



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## What implications re variations?

- Derivative vs Non-derivative:
  - Creation of adaptations, translations, abstracts, edited variations or other versions or excerpts
- Commercial vs non-commercial:
  - Commercial = "primarily intended for or directed toward commercial advantage or private monetary compensation"
- WT & others emphasis on CC BY: widest possible use & exploitation (derivatives & commercial)



## Is CC inevitable for OA?

- From business perspective, no
  - Clarity, simplicity & visibility are required
  - Some online sites have terms & conditions that are simple & clear (though most publisher sites do not)
- But funders are speaking loudly in support of CC BY
- & CC licenses have strong market presence & strong recognition



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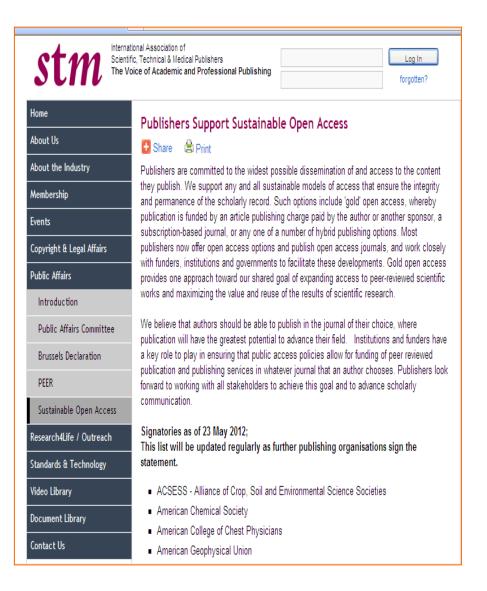
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# Why a CC+ or licensing patch

- Adding more specificity to NC definition, including associating advertising with content (without authorisation)
- Defining TDM (recognizing relationships & associations)
  - enabling automated searching, sorting, parsing, addition or removal of linguistic structures
- Start with NC-ND because of concerns re scientific integrity



#### QUESTIONS? (& CUTE LOGOS RE IMPORTANT RELATED PROJECTS)



 Cross-publisher initiative with CrossRef to detect instances of plagiarism in scientific articles



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