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STM statement on climate change

STM (the International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers) believes there is a pressing need for coordinated action across the scholarly publishing ecosystem to address the climate emergency.

Our knowledge on climate, prediction and crisis planning are all underpinned by the peer-reviewed research made available by publishers. Through advancing trusted research, publishers help climate research reach the widest possible audiences – providing knowledge, context and insight. In addition to ensuring that research is high quality, trustworthy and easy to access, publishers also play their part in directly tackling climate change and inspiring alignment, collaboration, and a willingness to act.

Going forward, STM will:

- Showcase the ongoing commitments that publishers have made to address the climate emergency through the development of a [‘Climate Change Hub’](#). This hub will highlight active initiatives and collaborations that are delivering meaningful change, alongside a growing pool of resources that provide members and wider stakeholders with the knowledge and skills to respond effectively
- Raise awareness, promote education and encourage debate about climate change research and the consequences of climate change
- Work collaboratively with all stakeholders to identify, encourage and highlight best practice approaches to sustainability challenges from across the scholarly communication ecosystem
- Explore further reductions in our own carbon footprint, including our conference and events programme and reducing paper usage
- Include the implications of climate change as an inherent part of future strategy development, seeking to minimise the impact of STM’s ongoing activities