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Beyond OJS:

Supporting scholarly journals collaboratively

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Diamond Open Access journals

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- No fees to readers
- No fees to authors (no APCs)
- No fees to libraries/institutions (no transformative agreements)

Diamond OA journals drive open science...

- 356k articles yearly
- 8-9% total articles worldwide but 45% of all OA articles (in 2021)
- More diversity and representation of
  - languages (70% English - 38% multilingual)
  - world regions (45% Europe - mostly Eastern Europe, 25% Latin America, 16% Asia, 5% US/Canada)
  - fields of study (60% HSS, 22% science, 17% medicine)

  compared to commercial/APC-based journals
- No transfer of copyright from authors, CC-licenses (83%)

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...on limited resources

- 40% of journals cover their costs
- 60% depend on volunteer work

- Largest source of support is in-kind from universities/libraries
  - Technical infrastructure: OJS, hosting, indexing
  - Training and consultation services

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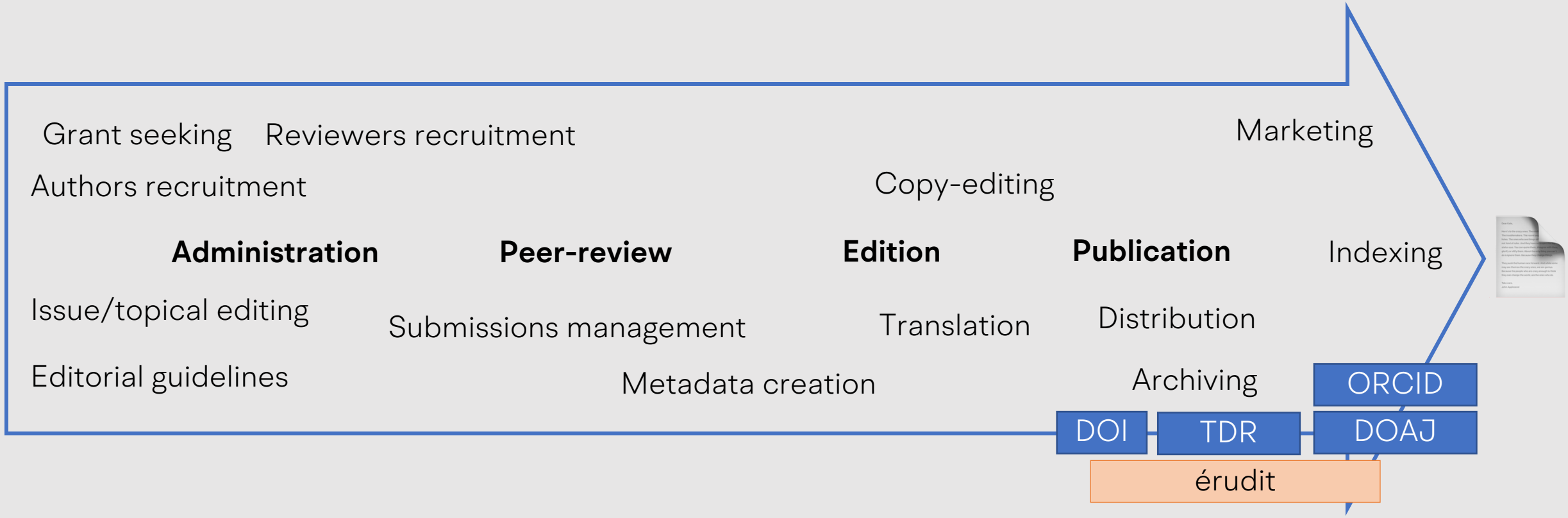

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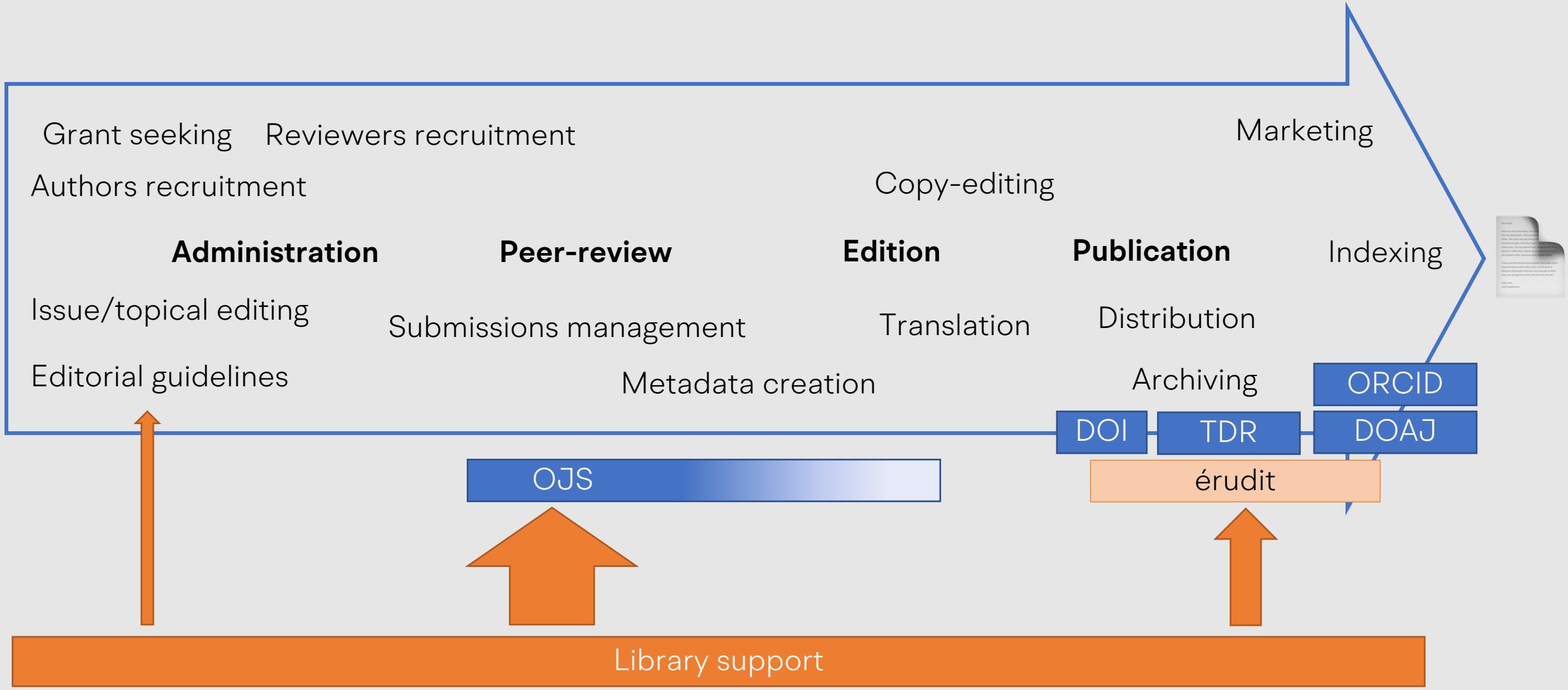

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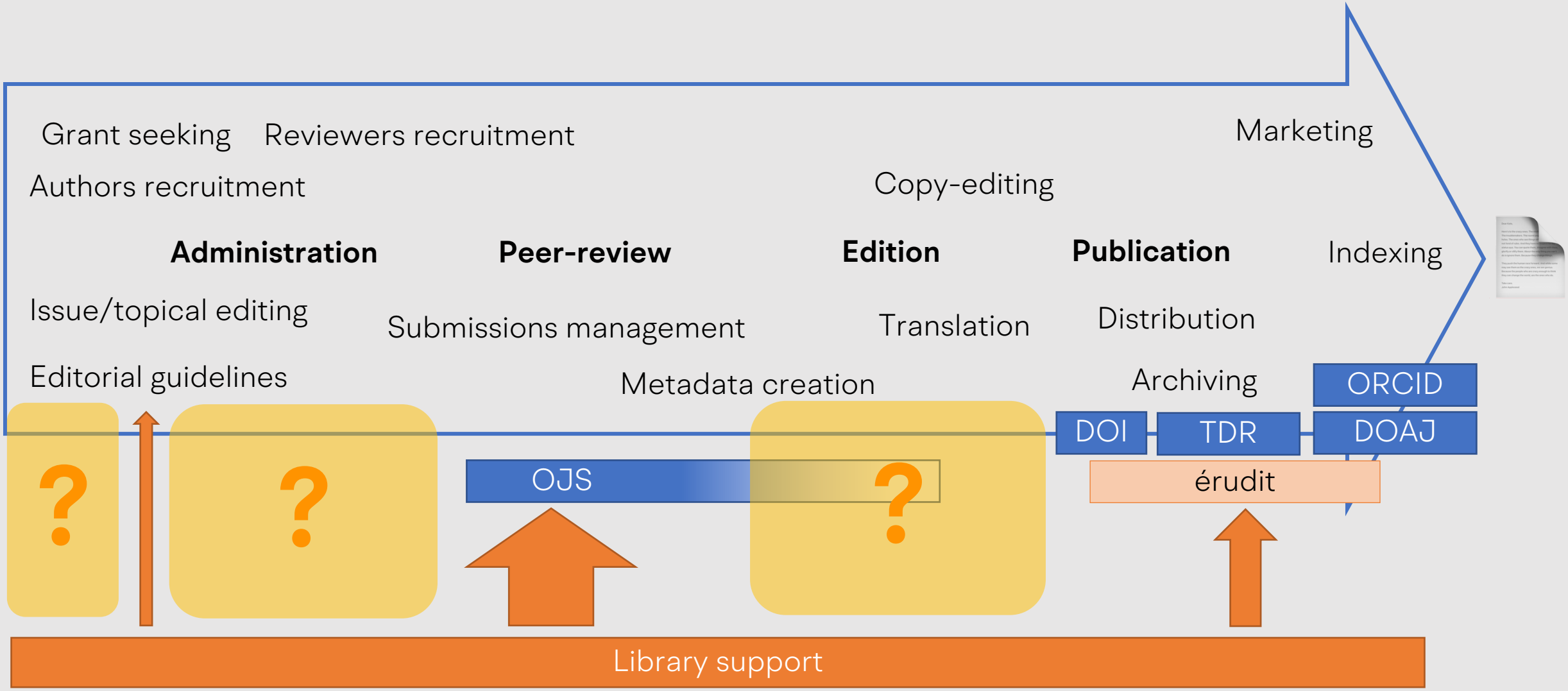

Library & institutional support

- Concentrated around infrastructure (OJS)
  - Hosting, management, support
  - Software development
- Indexing (Crossref/DOI/DOAJ/ORCID...)
- Training & documentation
- Consultation support
  - editorial policy review
  - author agreement templates
  - stats for grant writing
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Opportunities for collaboration

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Shared infrastructure

Scholars Portal
A Service of the Ontario Council of University Libraries

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

PKP
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE PROJECT
(hosting)

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Communities of practice?
Shared documentation?
Committee/organization?

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Library Publishing Coalition

Unmet needs?

- Administrative support
- Copy-editing services
- Typesetting/design
- Translation services
- Metadata curation/cleanup
- Indexation
- Marketing help
- …

Most likely to be outsourced → Largest costs for journals → Need for funding Reliance on grants

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Initiatives in Québec

- Major universities provide OJS + consultation services
- Informal community of practice

- Inequality of service across the province
- QC journals anxious about funding following Plan S requirements

Study ongoing

- Opportunities for collaboration, efficiencies
- Identify unmet needs
- State of the art, examples in other provinces, internationally
- Aiming for scenarios and business case for shared services (Feb. 2023)

Still collecting data

- What can we collaborate on?
- What is best left to each individual university?
- What examples of collaboration are out there?
- What governance/organizational models work best?

- Should we stick to in-kind support or contribute financially?
- Can/should we expand in-kind support to editorial services?

Open to suggestions!

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