

## Springer Open Choice



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#### Facts

- In Springer Open Choice, all articles are peer-reviewed as usual; open access is introduced to further wider dissemination among the scientific community.
- Within the framework of the existing licensing agreement with UKB (the consortium of Dutch university libraries and the National Library of the Netherlands), Springer undertakes to offer free and immediate world-wide access to articles which have been accepted for publication in one of Springer's journals in 2010 by authors affiliated with universities in the Netherlands.
- Springer permits simultaneous publication of the articles in open access institutional repositories of UKB members (DARE).

#### History

In June 2007, UKB and Springer signed a declaration of intent for a pilot project to study the economic effects of open access publishing – the first ever by a large STM publisher and a consortium of libraries in this area. In September 2007 the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) expressed its support for Springer Open Choice as a publishing option for their grantees. Similar projects were agreed with the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft in February 2008 and with the California Digital Library on behalf of the ten campuses of the University of California in January 2009.

## What should I do as author from a Dutch University?

When your article has been accepted by a Springer journal you will receive an email with a link leading you to the Springer MyPublication pages:

The screenshot shows the Springer MyPublication website. At the top left is the Springer logo. The top right shows the user is logged in as Edith Hoffmann with a LOGOUT button. A navigation bar includes links for HOME, MY SPRINGER, SUBJECTS, SERVICES, IMPRINTS & PUBLISHER, and ABOUT US, along with a search bar and a GO button. The main content area is titled "MyPublication" and includes a breadcrumb trail: Home > For Authors > MyPublication. A "CONTACT US" link is visible. Below this, there are links for Affiliation, Open Choice, Copyright Transfer, Offprint/Color Order, and Billing/Shipping. A "Welcome to MyPublication" message is followed by a personalized greeting: "Dear Preview Preview, Thank you for publishing your paper in one of Springer's journals." An article preview is shown with a thumbnail image of a plant and the title "Euphyrica". The article details are: Article Title: Investigation on pre-zygotic barriers; Journal: Preview; DOI: 10.1007/PREVIEW-666. A "Make Your Choice" section follows, explaining that further information is needed for production and publication. It lists three options: publishing as open access, transferring copyright, and ordering offprints. A "START NOW" button is at the bottom of this section. On the right side, there are sections for "YOUR MARKED ITEMS" (currently empty) and "SPRINGER SERVICES FOR MYPUBLICATION" which includes links for Help, For Authors, Get Read. Publish with Springer., Open Access, and AuthorMapper.com. The footer contains a list of links: Help | Logout | Contact | Shopping cart | About us | Terms & conditions | Impressum | Privacy statement | Sitemap, and copyright information for Springer.

Here you will be asked to indicate your affiliation. Please note that all Dutch universities are listed! Select your university.

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On the next screen you should receive the following confirmation. If you don't, please contact the Springer contact person at your institution:

**For example:**

- Utrecht University [info@igitur.uu.nl](mailto:info@igitur.uu.nl), phone +31-30-2536635

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