OPEN ACCESS: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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GENERAL REFLECTIONS

- The problems come from the greed of the mega-publishers industry;
- We, researchers, perpetuate our dependence on them;
- This is due to the evaluation/assessment criteria, based on journal prestige metrics and not on the researcher's own value.

ACTIONS

- Governments should align their policies concerning publicly funded research;
- They should avoid encouraging APC gold OA;
- Funders should align on these policies as well;
- They should ban the now traditional way of assessing researchers and research based on journal prestige and use criteria more closely related to intrinsic value.

CONCLUSIONS

- Governments and funding organizations should enforce immediate
 OA, support publicly-run publication platforms with open reviewing and reform the evaluation procedures.
- Personally, I don't believe in any policy based on negotiations with big publishers and even not in any policy based on the traditional publication system.
- There should not be a split-speed research.
- There should not be one science for the rich and one science for the poor, neither to read nor to publish.