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## Publish open access with ZB MED

ZB MED – Information Centre for Life Sciences is committed to the principle of providing open access to research results. ZB MED has many years of experience in open access publishing, both in terms of offering its own publishing services and participating in related activities in networks, committees and other bodies. It picks up on key results, innovations and policy guidelines, many of which it has already implemented directly through its own publishing platform.

You can browse these activities on our publishing portal PUBLISSO. This website enables researchers and scientists from the fields of medicine, health and nutritional, environmental and agricultural sciences to publish their research papers and data and get in-depth advice on open access and publishing options in their areas.

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## Publishing

### ► **PUBLISSO life sciences publishing platform:**

This platform allows users to publish journals, articles, conference materials, handbooks and supporting research data from the subject fields of life sciences. It builds on German Medical Science (GMS) – ZB MED's existing open access publishing platform for medical science – and expands the publishing options to cover other subjects in the field of life sciences.

### ► **Specialist Repository For Life Sciences:** Our specialist repository for life sciences enables you to digitally publish your thesis/dissertation and make your other digital publications available online through self-archiving.

### ► **Institutional repositories (document servers):** Doctoral candidates from the Medical Faculty of the University of Cologne can publish their theses in the institutional repository.

### ► **LeibnizOpen :** This platform compiles references to open access publications written by researchers and scientists from all Leibniz institutes and provides direct access to the corresponding full texts. As a member of a Leibniz Institute in the field of life sciences, you can work with ZB MED to incorporate your publications in LeibnizOpen.

### ► **DOI-Service:** Our DOI service provides information on registering for digital object identifiers (DOIs) to ensure that your research data and publications remain traceable, citable and permanently accessible.

We would be delighted to help you develop innovative publishing solutions for life sciences. Please get in touch to find out more.  
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## Advice

ZB MED can offer advice and assistance on all issues relating to the open access publishing of scholarly papers and research data in the realm of life sciences.

### **We currently provide advice in the following formats:**

- Information on the PUBLISSO website in the form of FAQs
- Information events and workshops on a variety of topics for scientists and researchers as well as for key disseminators from scientific libraries, graduate schools, and university life sciences departments
- Video tutorials
- Personal consultations

## Networking and policy shaping

ZB MED is a pioneer in the field of open access publishing in Germany. For more than a decade it has been offering scientists and researchers the opportunity to publish their work in accordance with the principles of open access through its GMS publishing platform. The fact that ZB MED was involved in key scientific policy-making committees right from the very start highlights its commitment to open access.

ZB MED is currently represented on the following committees with the aim of helping to shape government policy and integrate the latest developments in its own services.

- Science Europe
- Leibniz Association:
  - Open Access Working Group
  - Research Data Working Group
  - LeibnizOpen Working Group
- nestor/Dini Working Group Research Data

### **Cooperative ventures and partnerships are a key component of the networking process. In the field of research data, ZB MED collaborates with**

- Dryad Digital Repository
- DataCite – find, access and reuse data

### **In the field of open access, ZB MED collaborates with**

- German Alliance of Scientific Organisations
- Open-Access.net
- Leibniz Science 2.0 Research Group

ZB MED also regularly embarks on new cooperative ventures with academics, researchers and professional bodies and societies from all fields of life sciences. This is all part of achieving our goal of becoming a driving force for the open access movement and a reliable partner for life science researchers and academics.