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World's Largest Computing Society (ACM) Signs Major Open Access Agreement With Consortium of 30 French Universities and Research Institutions

***With New License, Thousands of French Computing Professionals Will Gain Unlimited Access to ACM
Publications and Can Publish Without Author-Paid APCs***

New York, NY, September 25, 2024—ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery, and Couperin, an association of French higher education and research institutions, have entered into a new transformative Open Access (OA) “read and publish” agreement under the [ACM OPEN](#) program. This is one of the first-of-its-kind agreements in France and demonstrates a shared commitment between ACM and Couperin to further sustainable OA publishing in computer science.

Couperin member institutions will receive unlimited access to the entirety of the ACM Digital Library under the license. The agreement also stipulates that new ACM research articles published by Couperin corresponding authors will be made OA in perpetuity in the ACM Digital Library. And while authors won't pay a fee to share their research via the ACM Digital Library, they will retain the copyright for their work and have a choice of rights options available to them.

“With more than 30 world-renowned institutions as part of the Couperin consortium, this is one of ACM's largest Open Access agreements to date,” noted Scott Delman, ACM's Director of Publications. “Couperin and ACM have both committed to Open Access, and this agreement marks a major step towards achieving that goal. What is most exciting about this new license is that it benefits both Couperin authors and the global computing community. Couperin authors will be able to publish Open Access for free in the largest repository of computing research dating back decades. Publishing Open Access will result in more full-text downloads and citations for their work. And because significantly more work from Couperin institutions will now be added to the ACM Digital Library, a greater quantity of leading-edge computer science research will now be available to all.”

The following institutions, including some of Europe's most prestigious universities and research centers, are included in the ACM-Couperin agreement:

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Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)
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Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace (ISAE-SUPAERO)
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ONERA Office National d'Études et de Recherches Aéronautiques
Sorbonne Université
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Université Gustave Eiffel
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Since its launch in late January 2020, more than 1,540 institutions worldwide decided to participate in the ACM OPEN license model. The newly signed agreement with Couperin continues ACM's collaborative efforts towards making all of its content fully Open Access by the end of 2025.

About ACM

[ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery](#), is the world's largest educational and scientific computing society, uniting educators, researchers and professionals to inspire dialogue, share resources and address the field's challenges. ACM strengthens the computing profession's collective voice through strong leadership, promotion of the highest standards, and recognition of technical excellence. ACM supports the professional growth of its members by providing opportunities for life-long learning, career development, and professional networking.

About Couperin

Formed in 1999, [Couperin](#) includes more than 250 universities, research organizations, Grand écoles (schools), and others. The consortium negotiates with publishers the prices and conditions of access to scientific publications and other digital resources for the benefit of its members. It promotes open science, particularly with regard to scientific publications, both nationally and internationally. It is headquartered in Paris.

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