

## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

The National Library of Sweden, on behalf of the organisations participating in the Bibsam Consortium ("Bibsam"), and Elsevier are concluding this Memorandum of Understanding.

### Common ground between Bibsam and Elsevier

1. Both parties agree that Bibsam's desire to both publish and read research content with Elsevier can be a driving force in a worldwide transition towards Open Access to scholarly publications. A model where both publish and read are included will be the basis for further negotiations between Bibsam and Elsevier.
2. Both parties will work together to significantly accelerate the transition to immediate Open Access in a sustainable way in Sweden, in line with the goals established by the Swedish government in its 2016 Research Bill and in line with the objectives of OA2020.
3. The parties' common goals are to help advance science. Open Access to publications is one way of making this possible. Creating an environment in which high quality research outputs are findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable is to the benefit of researchers and society as the whole.
4. This MoU sets out the basic principles that will be developed into an agreement and is therefore not intended to be exhaustive. Such an agreement will be made publicly available.

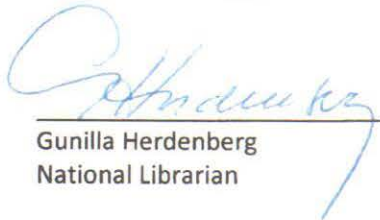
### Shared objective

The parties aim to reach a new agreement during 2019 that reflects the parties' common ground and other considerations.

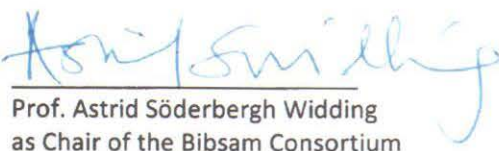
### Next steps

Having established this common ground, the parties will now quickly identify a process, team, timetable, and internal and external communication plans to reach an agreement. The parties look forward to realizing the positive benefits for the Swedish research community that should follow as a result of its implementation.

For the National Library of Sweden/Bibsam  
Stockholm, the 25 of March 2019

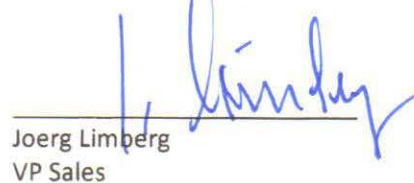


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