

OSC-W Newsletter October 2025



Hello Open Science Community,

In this issue we have an exciting announcement about our upcoming event as well as some interesting papers and articles to read.

P.S. As always, the newsletter looks much better if you click the orange "Online version" link at the top of this mail.

Join us for an afternoon of discussion and inspiration!

WUR Open Science Day 2026

"Quality over Quantity?"
Open Science & Publication Culture

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January 22, 2026
13:00 to 17:30 + Drinks



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Join the OSC-W and the WUR Open Science & Education Programme for

an afternoon of inspiration and discussion at our event: **“Quality over Quantity?” Open Science & Publication Culture**

With:

Keynote Talks: Inspiration from outside WUR

Paul Boselie (UU) & Marieke Adriaanse (LU) will share their experiences with advancing Open Science and shifting publication culture at their respective institutions.

Interactive Panel Discussion: Publication Culture at WUR

Dean of Research Edith Feskens will be joined by the keynote speakers as well as guests from across WUR to discuss WUR’s publication culture and areas for change.

Showcase: Open Science at WUR

From Citizen Science to Open Education, learn what is going on and how you can get involved.

Click the button below for more information and registration.

We hope to see you there!

[Info & Registration](#)

Open Science NL Publishes 2026/27 Work Programme

OSNL have published the 2026/27 edition of the Open Science Work Programme.

Click the link below to read more about the programme and the funding calls we can expect to see over the next 2 years.

[Read more](#)

Article: How to be a scientist in a post-journal world

From the Substack “The Scientist Papers” (Prachee Avasthi and Michael Eisen), *How to Be a Scientist in a Post-Journal World* questions one of science’s most longstanding traditions by arguing that journals are

becoming obsolete. The authors suggest that preprint servers already provide the tools needed for open, fast, and independent communication. They encourage researchers to publish directly, participate in open review, and evaluate work and individuals based on substance rather than journal titles. It is a bold vision (and perhaps controversial given the authors [previous work at eLife](#)) of how science could operate without traditional publishing structures and is worth reading and debating.

Read the article

Article: The state of preprinting in Europe and the Netherlands

On the subject of preprinting, this report published in May by the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) at Leiden University provides an overview of how preprinting is developing. It shows that while disciplines such as physics and mathematics have more widely adopted preprints, many others still have low levels of use. The report indicates that in Wageningen, preprinting is less common than at some other Dutch universities.

If preprinting is something you would like to do more of, there is a great guide available [here](#).

Read the article

Paper: Unexpected events and prosocial behavior: the Batman effect

Something a little different from the usual papers I share here (and only tangentially related to open science).

The presence of Batman on the Milan underground metro made passengers more likely to offer their seats to a pregnant woman.

Perhaps real heroes *do* wear capes after all...

[Read the paper](#)

That's all for now

Thank you for reading this issue of the OSC-W newsletter. I hope you found the articles interesting and good starting points for discussion.

I would love to hear your feedback on the OSC-W newsletter and your desires for the OSC-W as a whole. If you would like to share your (anonymous) opinion there is a form [here](#), or you can contact me directly at ben.excell@wur.nl.

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