



## OSC-W Newsletter March 2026

### **Hello Open Science Community,**

Welcome to all our new subscribers from our "Open Science Day" event, and also to our two new OSC-W core team members Esther Kok and Ben Auxier!

The core team are busy making plans and preparations for our next series of lunch events, continuing with the topic of Publication Culture and taking a deeper dive into topics ranging from Diamond Open Access to generative AI and its influence on Open Science. Stay tuned for more details!

But for now, in this issue, we have an opportunity for you to shape the development of the national Open Science Monitor as well as some interesting events, news and articles to read.

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

Interested in joining the core team? →

## Building an Open Science Monitor

The Netherlands has set up an ambitious programme to embed Open Science in knowledge-creating institutions and their activities. The development of a monitor and evaluation framework is essential for this programme.

In the development of the monitor, we want to actively involve stakeholders from the field in the field. In this infographic, we describe the process.



### Subproject 1: researching what should be in the Open Science monitor

What are we going to investigate?

How are we going to do that?

#### What is the current state of affairs?

- ▶ Evaluate existing monitors
- ▶ Establish an overview of relevant institutional, national and international policies regarding Open Science



#### What are the values/needs of stakeholders?

- ▶ Send out exploratory and validating survey to scientists
- ▶ Create a Technical Advisory Board
- ▶ Interviews and focus groups
- ▶ Consensus-forming town halls



#### What do we want to achieve in the monitor?

- Co-creation process with the following aspects:
- ▶ In-Monitor Visualization
  - ▶ Alignment with policies and values
  - ▶ Alignment on (relative) impact



### Subproject 2: developing the Open Science monitor

1.

Co-creation with OS/NL to ensure long term sustainability

2.

Selection of dashboard interface

3.

Determining data to populate dashboard

4.

Visualization & reporting of prototype

Want to know more? ...

Follow the project on OSF:  
<https://osf.io/zh9n3/overview>



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## Survey: The Dutch Open Science Monitor

Last year, Open Science NL funded the development of a National Open Science Monitor for the Netherlands.

As part of the project, the consortium is conducting a survey among researchers and support staff.

The survey should take around 5 mins to complete and will be used by the project to shape the final Open Science Monitor, so please fill it out!

Take the survey →

A banner for a Citizen Science Hub Lunch Event. The background shows a group of people in a kitchen setting, with various bowls of fresh vegetables and fruits on a table. In the top left, there are icons for CO2, a globe, and a magnifying glass. The text on the right side of the banner provides details about the event.

**Citizen Science Hub Lunch Event**

**RE-TASTY: Empowering Sustainability in schools through Citizen Science**

Join us to learn how the RE-TASTY citizen science programme engages secondary school students in exploring their school's food culture and calculating its carbon footprint. Maria will share the project story, reflecting on why this approach was chosen, how it worked in practice, and the challenges encountered. The session includes time for questions, group discussion, and exchanging ideas for future editions.

with **Maria Neocleous Maliotou**  
Education and Learning Sciences Group, Wageningen University, WASS PhD candidate

**Date:** 26 march 2026  
**Time:** 12:00-13:00  
**Location:** Plus Ultra II Trainings Room

**Sign up:**  
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## Event: Citizen Science Hub lunch

**Topic:** RE-TASTY: Citizen Science in Schools & Sustainability Research

**When:** 26 March 2026 12:00 – 13:00. Lunch provided

**Where:** Building Plus Ultra 2, training room

**Registration:** See below

During this Citizen Science Hub lunch event, Maria Neocleous Maliotou (Education and Learning Sciences Group, WASS PhD candidate) will introduce the RE-TASTY project where secondary school students actively contribute to sustainability research by exploring their school's food culture and calculating its carbon footprint.

Maria will share insights into why the citizen science approach was chosen, how it works in practice, and which challenges were encountered along the way.

Register here →

## Article: Major Chinese funder to stop paying fees for 30 pricey open-access journals

The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the world's largest research institution, has told its researchers it plans to stop paying to publish their

papers in more than 30 international free-to-read journals it regards as too expensive. High-profile, high-fee journals affected include Nature Communications (APC \$7350), Cell Reports (APC \$5790), and Science Advances (APC \$5450).

Whether this results in a shift to publishing Open Access in journals with lower/zero APCs or publishing behind a paywall remains to be seen, but it is an interesting development nevertheless.

[More information →](#)

## **News: Jan IngenHousz Institute launches openjii.org**

Last month, the [Jan IngenHousz Institute](#) (JII) launched openjii.org, an open science platform for the global photosynthesis community.

The JII is an independent photosynthesis research institute established in 2022 by Wageningen University & Research and the Photosynthesis 2.0 Research Fund. It is currently based in the Radix building on the WUR campus.

The JII purchased the PhotosynQ platform and is incorporating it into openJII.org so existing data remain available. While PhotosynQ required the MultispeQ meter, openJII.org aims to support a wider range of measurement devices and experimental workflows.

The platform enables collaborative field data collection, sharing, annotation, modelling, and AI-supported analysis.

In addition to research, the JII is looking for collaborators to use the open platform in education and citizen science initiatives so reach out to them if you are interested.

[Learn more about openJII.org →](#)

## That's all for now

Thank you for reading this issue of the OSC-W newsletter.  
I hope you found the content 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](mailto:ben.excell@wur.nl).

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