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ACM SIGNS NEW TRANSFORMATIVE OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING AGREEMENT WITH VIVA FOR FIFTY-ONE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

New Open Access Publishing Agreement Provides Coverage for State of Virginia

New York, NY; Fairfax, VA, August 19, 2021—ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery, entered into a transformative open access agreement with VIVA, the academic library consortium of Virginia. The agreement covers both access to, and open access publication in, ACM’s journals, proceedings and magazines for more than fifty educational institutions, including major centers of research such as Virginia Tech, The University of Virginia, and George Mason University. The license represents ACM’s largest such agreement by number of institutions to date.

Under the new agreement, which runs until the end of 2024, faculty and students of all participating universities will receive unlimited and unrestricted access to all articles in the ACM Digital Library during the term. Additionally, all research publications of corresponding authors from these institutions published during the term in ACM journals, conference proceedings and magazines will be made Open Access at the time of publication at no cost to the authors.

“We are happy to add the VIVA consortium to the growing network of institutions around the world that are benefiting from the new ACM Open access model,” explained ACM Director of Publications Scott Delman. “This agreement will benefit the VIVA Consortium’s many constituents, as well as the entire computing field as more high-caliber research becomes increasingly accessible. For ACM, this is also an important step toward our goal of becoming a fully open access publisher.”

As part of the agreement, ACM will also make deposits into institutional repositories for all co-authors from these universities. The range of rights authors retain when publishing with ACM will also be expanded.

“We believe that working collaboratively and at scale is the best way to move forward with open access, as it enables equitable access to the benefits of open publishing for researchers at smaller and less-resourced institutions,” said VIVA Director Anne Osterman. “We are delighted to partner with ACM on this consortial version of their open access program and are excited to see the benefits this brings for Virginia researchers.”

This new agreement expresses ACM and VIVA’s shared commitment to open access publication and the principles of Open Research.

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 VIVA

[VIVA](#) is the academic library consortium serving 71 nonprofit higher education institutions in Virginia, including 39 state assisted colleges and universities, 31 independent private, nonprofit institutions, and The Library of Virginia. VIVA's mission is to provide, in an equitable, cooperative, and cost-effective manner, enhanced access to library and information resources for Virginia's academic libraries serving the nonprofit higher education community. VIVA is funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia through the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and by investments from participating institutions.

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