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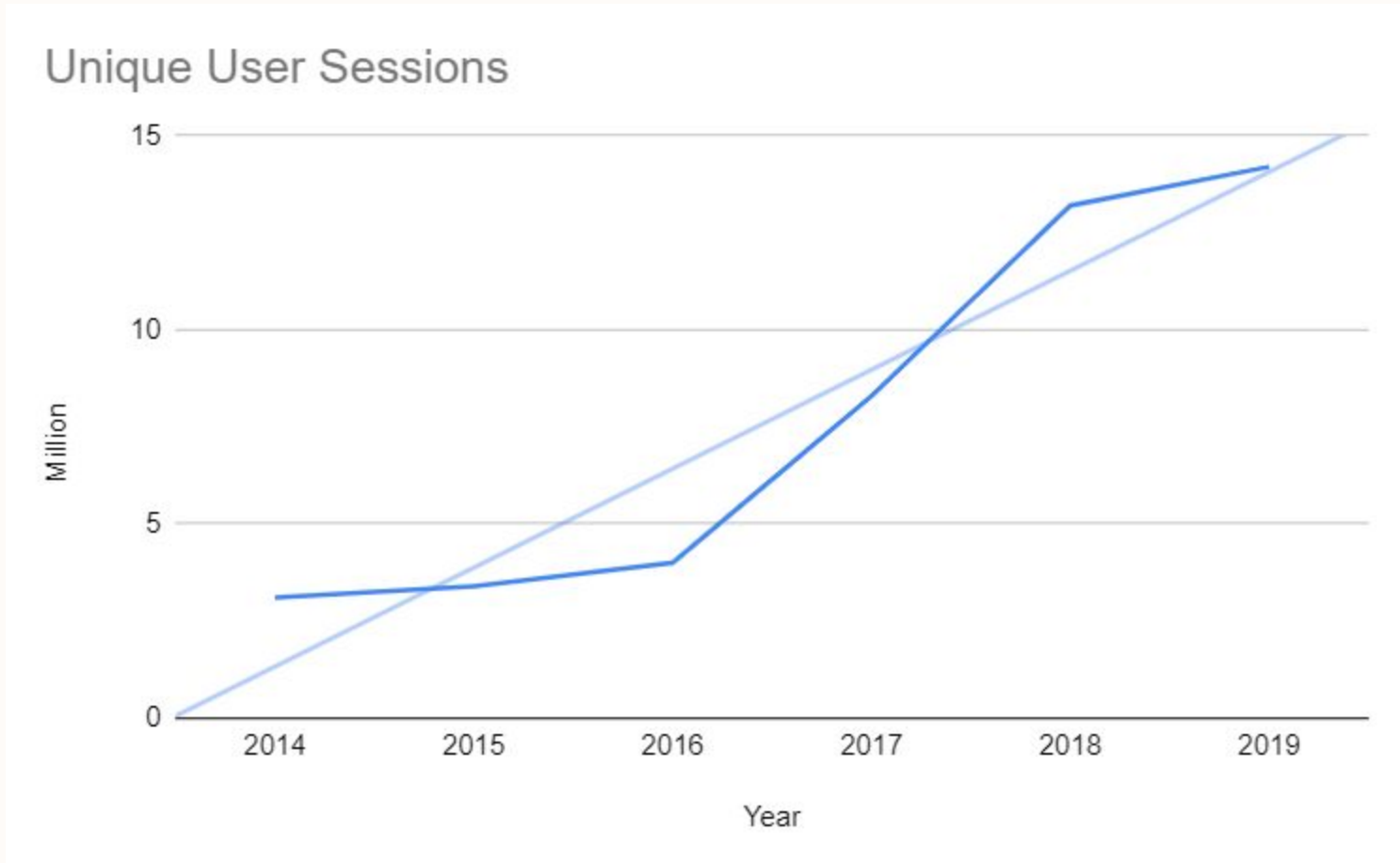
# Why DOAJ is good for open access journals

Dom Mitchell, Operations Manager

The Aspect of Copyrights in Developing Open Access

September 25, Lithuania

# Usage of DOAJ continues to increase



# DOAJ is independent

- DOAJ is 100% independent, owned by a Community Interest Company registered in the UK: IS4OA <https://is4oa.org/>
- DOAJ is not for profit and cannot be bought
- DOAJ relies entirely on voluntary financial donations
  - 80% from public organisations
  - 20% publishers

# DOAJ's Mission

‘to increase the visibility, accessibility, reputation, usage and impact of quality, peer-reviewed, open access scholarly research journals globally, regardless of discipline, geography or language.’

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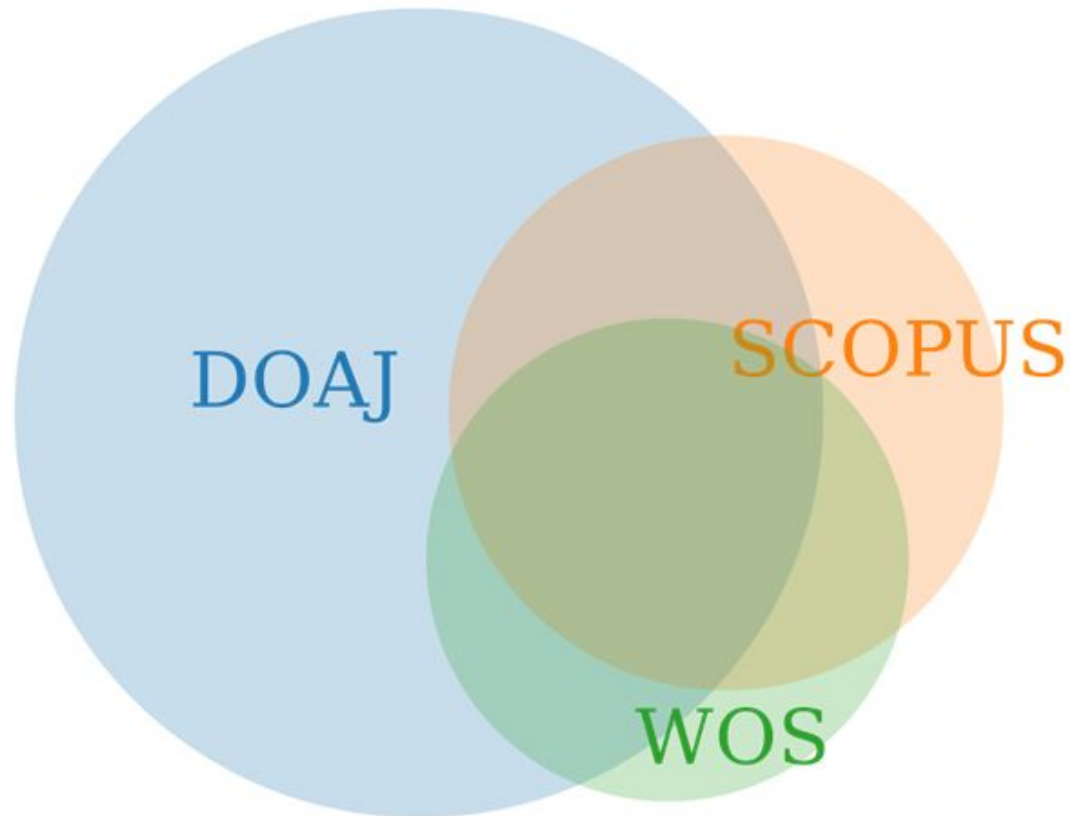
‘... will work with editors, publishers and journal owners to help them understand the value of best practice publishing and standards and apply those to their own operations.’

I must say here that the selection process of @DOAJplus, for the same journal, was a totally different experience, much more open, assistive, transparent and still demanding; a constructive experience.

9:34am · 10 Oct 2019 · Twitter Web App

# DOAJ's coverage of open access journals compared to Scopus and WoS

DOAJ-SCOPUS-WOS journal overlap  
ISSN GOLD-OA 3.0 Bielefeld



# #InAllLanguages

- One of DOAJ's aims is to raise the profile of open access journals in non-English speaking countries
- We are a signatory of the Helsinki Initiative

*'Research is international. Multilingualism keeps locally relevant research alive. Protect it! Disseminating research results in your own language creates impact.'*

<https://www.helsinki-initiative.org/>

# DOAJ's usage in Lithuania

- 2015-2019: usage from Lithuania 77,700 sessions
- Total sessions 2015-2019: **43.3 million**
- Being indexed in DOAJ increases a journal's visibility on an international scale.
- [Lithuanian journals in DOAJ](#)
- Most usage from USA, UK, Indonesia, Brazil, Canada, Australia, India, China, Germany



# Benefits of being indexed in DOAJ

1. Recognition that journal(s) are **quality publications**
2. Increased **readership**
3. Increased **impact** for the journal(s)
4. **Promotion** of the journal
5. For **integration into discovery services** and library catalogues (Primo, Serials Solutions, EBSCO etc)
6. Increased **traffic** to site(s)
7. Increased **submissions** and/or published articles
8. Eligibility for **support from publication funds** set up by research funders and/or universities

Source: <https://bit.ly/2XU7Q1B>

# Integration into discovery services and library catalogues

- Our metadata cascades into all the major discovery services across disciplines, languages and continents and is in almost all library portals
  - Web of Science, Scopus, Primo, Summon, EBSCO, Google, Google Scholar, OCLC, WorldCat, Dimensions
  - university discovery systems.
- It is free to use, re-use and distribute
- 5 different formats: CSV file, full data dump, OAI-PMH, RSS feed and via our API

# Eligibility for support from publication funds

- Open access publication funds often require papers to be published in a DOAJ-listed journal
  - National e.g. TSV, Austria, Norway
  - Organisational e.g. Université de Marseille
- DOAJ is mentioned specifically in Plan S: all qualifying gold OA journals must be indexed in DOAJ

# Thank you!

- Any questions?

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