# OPENCITATIONS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## BACKGROUND

**OpenCitations** is an independent infrastructure for open scholarship dedicated to the publication of bibliographic and citation data using Semantic Web technologies.

OpenCitations:

- supports the founding principles of Open Science and provides free and open means of accessing global scholarly bibliographic metadata and citation data, through open databases, open-source software and free services for the use of organizations (such as funders, research institutions, universities, libraries, repositories and publishers) and individuals worldwide;
- is hosted, for its hardware, data and services, at the University of Bologna and is managed by the Research Centre of Open Scholarly Metadata, a division of the Department of Classical Philology and Italian Studies (FICLIT) of the University of Bologna, created on 26th of November 2019;
- has not-for-profit research purposes and is not a legal entity;
- was one of three Open Science infrastructures whose facilities have been evaluated and selected by SCOSS (Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services), in its second funding cycle, for presentation to the international scholarly community for crowd-sourced sustainability funding.

## GENERAL AIM OF OPENCITATIONS

OpenCitations' activities are focused on innovation in the ways open bibliographic and citation data are managed and made available on several administrative and technical levels; OpenCitations aims to contribute to the scholarly information landscape by providing open bibliographic metadata and citation data of sufficient scope and coverage to disrupt the present reliance of the community on proprietary sources of such information.

## OBJECTIVES

OpenCitations organizes a range of activities that include:

- increasing the volume of open bibliographic metadata and citation data available, and their sharing and use, for any purpose, without restriction under copyright or database law;
- improving the OpenCitations software and hardware infrastructure to provide better services;
- promoting the use of the open bibliographic metadata and open citation data, by collaborating with advocacy groups and other academic projects and infrastructures, and
- promoting the Open Science movement and its community engagement through seminars, conferences, workshops and other forms of communication, including the use of social media.

**MEMBERSHIP**

OpenCitations is open for Membership to all entities who wish to sign this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Rules of Membership of OpenCitations (Annex 1) and the OpenCitations Organizational Bodies and Finances (Annex 2) define the structure of membership and its objectives as well as the rights and duties of the participating entities ("the Parties") and the operational bodies of OpenCitations.

By signing the MoU, the Party agrees to fulfil all its obligations and duties towards the membership.

name, address, ID number/VAT number, of the new Party

_____,

name of a duly authorized representative

duly represented by _____ hereby agrees to accede to the OpenCitations Memorandum of Understanding, and accepts all the rights and duties as

specify the level of Membership according to Rules, Annex 1:
Supporting Membership, Development Membership, Strategic Membership                specify the amount in euros

_____ with an annual contribution of _____.

specify the period of years
(from one to three years)

For a period of _____ from the date of signature.

Date                                        Signature of the duly authorized representative of the Party

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The signatory for FICLIT, University of Bologna, hereby certifies that the Directors of OpenCitations have approved the accession of the Party to Membership of OpenCitations.

Date                                                                                        Signature

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