

Glossary

AIP	American Institute of Physics.
AP	Academic Press Limited. A business of Harcourt , publishing scientific and technical books and journals.
ARL	Association of Research Libraries. A membership organization representing research libraries in North America.
BioOne	An electronic platform recently launched by five partners, including SPARC .
CrossRef	A system established by PILA to link publications across different publishers' servers by use of hypertext attached to citations.
CURL	Consortium of University Research Libraries. An organization designed to support research in universities in the British Isles through the provision of library and information services. It has 21 universities in full membership.
Elsevier Science	A business of RE , publishing STM information (books, journals, CD-ROMs and online).
Harcourt	Harcourt General, Inc and its subsidiaries. Used in this report to refer to Harcourt General, Inc and its subsidiaries except where the context otherwise requires.
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England.
HEI	Higher education institution. A university or college in the UK funded by HEFCE or the equivalent funding body in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.
HHS	Harcourt Health Sciences. A business of Harcourt , publishing medical and life sciences books and journals under the Churchill Livingstone, Mosby and W B Saunders imprints.
HighWire	HighWire Press. A department within Stanford University, California, providing online distribution of STM journals.
IDEAL	International Digital Electronic Access Library. Harcourt's online journal delivery system.
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.
ingenta	ingenta plc. Originally formed through a public/private partnership with the University of Bath to provide electronic distribution and marketing for publishers of scholarly content. Provides a free online search service of published content.
ISI	Institute for Scientific Information, Inc, a subsidiary of Thomson that, among other things, provides measures of journal citation rates.
JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee of the Higher and Further Education Funding Councils in the UK.
MD Consult	A separate company within HHS . It provides an online service to physicians and other healthcare professionals in the USA.
NESLI	National Electronic Site Licence Initiative. A service established by JISC in 1998 and managed by a consortium of Swets Blackwell Ltd and the University of Manchester. Designed to promote the widespread delivery and use of electronic journals in the UK higher education and research community. NESLI negotiates with publishers value-for-money deals for the delivery of journal content in electronic form.

NLG	Netherlands guilder.
OUP	Oxford University Press.
PILA	The Publishers International Linking Association. A not-for-profit organization that operates CrossRef . Both Harcourt and RE are participants.
PubMed Central	A free access database of primary research in the life sciences. PubMed Central is funded by the US National Institute of Health.
RAE	Research Assessment Exercise. A UK-wide exercise carried out at five-yearly intervals on behalf of HEFCE and its counterparts in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to assess the quality of research undertaken in HEIs . The ratings of research quality produced by the RAE are used by the funding bodies to determine the main research grant to each HEI assessed.
RE	Reed Elsevier plc and its subsidiaries. Used in this report to refer to Reed Elsevier plc and its subsidiaries except where the context otherwise requires.
ScienceDirect	Elsevier Science's online delivery system.
SCONUL	Standing Conference of National and University Libraries. SCONUL represents all university libraries in the UK and the major national libraries in the UK and Ireland.
SPARC	The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition. Created by ARL , SPARC is a worldwide alliance of research institutions, libraries and others that encourages competition in the scholarly communications market, primarily in the STM fields.
STM	Science, technical and medical.
Thomson	The Thomson Corporation.