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Panel Discussion

The Future of Academic Publishing

With representatives from the Nature Publishing Group, Elsevier, the DFG,
and the University of Freiburg

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Ralf Krauter, scientific journalist, discusses with:

- **Prof. Dr. Hans-Jochen Schiewer**, Rector of the University of Freiburg
- **Dr. Johannes Fournier**, Scientific Library Services and Information Systems Division, DFG (Bonn)
- **Angelika Lex**, Vice President Academic Relations, Elsevier (Amsterdam)
- **Karl Ziemelis**, Chief Physical Sciences Editor, Nature (London)

Academic publishing is shifting from printed paper to purely electronic forms, such that Open Access is taking on a new and overriding significance. Although many academics support Open Access, many questions remain: Should impact factor have become a measure for scientific quality? Does „publish or perish“ define our careers? How may scientific fraud be uncovered before it is published? And, not least, who should pay for our publications? Publishers, universities and funders all feel the pressure, and all feel exploited. The complexity of this debate will be discussed by representatives of two major publishing groups (Nature and Elsevier), the German Research Foundation and the Rector of the University.

The attendance is free of charge, no registration necessary!

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