Tips for Navigating Publisher Websites

Note, this is not intended to cover how to navigate all publisher websites for the basic information we are seeking to include in an OA collection record. Below are listed a few publishers so as to give a general sense of how to navigate the websites. The content in this guide is based on publisher websites viewed May-July 2020.

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Xplore:

Most of the IEEE papers deposited to the OA collection are conference papers. Additionally papers from symposia, meetings and other academic meetings are also treated as conference papers. There are also some papers which are published in a journal (such as IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices). The formatting for an IEEE conference paper webpage is slightly different than how it would be formatted for a journal article. Both types of webpages will have the paper title at the top of the webpage with the publisher name (IEEE) underneath it. The author names are then listed; next to the names is a hyperlink "All Authors" which will take you to the bottom of the page where the author names and affiliations are listed. To find the copyright information for the paper there is a copyright icon near the author names. Then the abstract is provided.

An IEEE conference/symposium paper webpage will have beneath the abstract:

- The publication title
- Date of conference (which will be used as the date submitted in the DSpace record)
- Date added to IEEE Xplore (this date is used as the publication date in DSpace)
- DOI link
- ISBN information (only the print and electronic ISBNs are needed; we don’t need print-on-demand)
- ISSN
- Conference location (which will come in handy for creating the citation)

An IEEE journal article webpage will have beneath the abstract:

- The publication title (aka the paper title which will have in parentheses next to it with the volume number, issue number and publication date)
- Page numbers (this is the page range for the paper)
- Date of publication (use this one if it is earlier than the publication date listed with the paper title)
- ISSN
- Funding agency (which gives only the names of funders not any grant/award numbers so you will need to check after the Conclusion section of the paper)
**Association for Computing Machinery (ACM):**

ACM Digital Library webpages for articles/papers usually do not differ in format for conference papers and journal articles.

The title of the article/paper will be at the top of the page. Underneath the title is a list of author names. Beside the list of author names is a hyperlink “Author Info & Affiliations.” After clicking the aforementioned hyperlink an “Information & Authors” window will pop-up on the right; the “Contributors” tab will include the author names and institutional affiliations. Following the author list (in the main browser window) is the publication information which includes the journal/conference proceedings title, publication date, page number range and DOI.

**IOP Publishing (the name appears as IOP Publishing on the website, IOP is an acronym for Institute of Physics):**

The author list underneath the article title does not show affiliations. To expand or hide the author list there is a blue widget “+Show full author list” after the last author.

For IOP papers after the author section on the webpage there is usually the date it was published followed by a brief copyright statement. Additionally the journal title, volume number and issue number are hyperlinked and displayed underneath this.

Above the abstract section there is a blue widget “+Article information”; click on it to expand. There you will find information about the author affiliations plus dates relevant to publishing the article.

Next comes the Abstract section followed by the main body of the article. Typically in the conclusion part of the article there are details about the funding.

**Springer/ BioMed Central (BMC):**

Underneath an article title there are 2 tabs for author info; "Authors" and "Authors and affiliations". The "Authors" tab includes info about what kind of paper it is, when it was first made available online plus citation and download metrics.

The Abstract section generally comes after the Author section.

After the main body of a paper/article there is an "Acknowledgements" section where funding info can be found. Additionally there is a "Copyright information" section where the copyright info is stated. Below the copyright info in the "About this paper" area there is a citation which can be copy and pasted into the citation field if it isn't already populated in the DSpace record. "About
this paper” is where you will also find isbns or issns, the name of the publisher, DOI and relevant dates. Sometimes the aforementioned section will be labeled as “About this article.”

**Nature:**

Generally speaking the Nature website for large consortia such as GTeX they do not have all the authors of the paper listed in one block (they are divided by institution) which means the ordered author field cannot be populated easily. In this case you should open up Notepad++ and copy all the separate blocks, editing them together to make an ordered authors list.

Since Nature publications is owned by Springer the format for their journal websites is usually formatted similarly.

**Multidisciplinary Publishing Institute (MDPI):**

On an MDPI webpage for an article there is an article menu to the left, which can be used for navigating it. Above the menu there is a hyperlinked display of the journal’s title, volume, and issue number.

At the center of the webpage is the article. First there is the article title followed by the author name, journal information, the article number and doi. Right underneath this information are all the dates relevant to the article’s publication.

Since the funding information isn’t displayed on the article webpage, simply use the article pdf to find the funding information. CTRL + F and search “Funding” and there should be a funding section after the conclusion.

The journal's issn can be found by CTRL + F and searching EISSN (many of the MDPI publications are open source e-journals). After the EISSN at the bottom of the webpage the publisher name is listed.