

Springer Nature roundtable in Malaysia



Roundtable Organized by Springer Nature & Digital Science

Last year, Springer Nature in Southeast Asia partnered with Clarivate Analytics & ORCID to organize the first roundtables in SEA for key influencers from the regions, in which Malaysia was one of the stops for such an important meeting. The results were so promising that Springer Nature decided to continue the cooperation with other parties to provide a non-commercial discussion forum in the region. In March 2019 Springer Nature worked with Digital Science with the theme on “A Roundtable Discussion on Ensuring the Sustainable Global Success of Scientific Research from Malaysia”. The event was organized at the University of Malaya, and UPM has sent representatives to attend.

Key topics included: “Beyond Open Access, Towards Open Research” by Tony Bocquet (Vice President, Sales, Japan, Southeast & Oceania of Springer Nature), “Academic Authorship in the Age of Acceleration” by Anil Chandy (Vice President, Major Reference Works of Springer Nature) and “Next Generation in Discovery” by Anne Harvey (APAC Managing Director of Digital Science). The audiences showed great interest in the publications by Malaysian universities and open research & open data sharing, but their main concern was to convince policy makers and funders to support the works by the researchers.

The purpose of the roundtables was to facilitate discussion among key influencers, therefore the number of attendees and their seniority were highly controlled. Dr. Zubaidah and Pn. Siti Noorhaniza Hamdan of UPM attended the roundtable and agreed it gave insights to the development of Malaysian research publications and funding.

Springer Nature is already planning to organize the roundtable again in 2020 in Malaysia.

