Initiative on #4openScienceStandsForUkraine scientists and students

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4open launches initiative to support Ukraine scientists and students

4open, its Editorial Board, scientists, and the network of the Theodor-Billroth-Academy and its International Consortium of Research Excellence (INCORE) are aware of the current dire situation for Ukrainian scientists and students. After the unprovoked attack on Ukraine on February 24, 2022, our colleagues in Ukraine are now in fear for their family members, colleagues and their own lives.

Humanity and peace initiatives should have top priority now. Alongside the hope that peace comes soon, additional support for scientists and students will become necessary in the short term.

Therefore, in solidarity with the initiative #4openScienceStandsForUkraine, we send a sign of support against war and for peace in Ukraine as Science and Arts have no borders and/or national and/or cultural issues to resolve. The goal is to provide up-to-date information for Ukrainian scholars on where to find support as well as active support for Ukraine scientists and students.

→ Up-to-date supporting information which is provided at “Humanity & Peace in Science” at 4open’s website.
→ Ukrainian researchers and students are actively supported in pursuing their research outside Ukraine by providing suggestions on new labs and advice in relocation. Ukrainian researchers and students may reach out to the information provided or reach out to any of the authors for more information and support.
→ Ukrainian scientists and students can send drafts of potential publications, projects or theses for independent peer review.
Ukrainian scientists and students will receive a waiver of publication charges to publish at 4open. This policy will not affect the strict, independent and rigorous peer-review and will last until the Editorial Board decides to rescind it.

**Suggestions Web links for “Humanity & Peace in Science” at 4open’s website**

- German National Research Data Infrastructure (Nationale Forschungsdateninfrastruktur (NFDI) e.V.) [https://www.nfdi.de/?lang=en](https://www.nfdi.de/?lang=en).
- Science Europe [https://scienceforukraine.eu/](https://scienceforukraine.eu/).

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