



# Peer Review Week

## 2021 Fact Sheet

Peer Review Week (PRW) is a yearly global event celebrating the essential role that peer review plays in maintaining high-quality research. The event brings together individuals, institutions, and organizations committed to sharing the central message that good peer review, whatever shape or form it might take, is critical to scholarly communications.

Peer Review Week 2021 is taking place September 20 – 24 and is dedicated to the theme of “Identity in Peer Review.” Chosen for the first time by a community vote, this theme is particularly timely, as pressing global challenges from systemic racism to the climate crisis to health equity are increasingly important components of scholarly and public discourse, catalyzed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Inherent to these movements are questions of identity — for individuals, organizations, and entire cultures. During Peer Review Week 2021, all are invited to explore the multifaceted nature of identity; how personal and social identity influences peer review practices and experiences; and what’s needed to foster more diverse, equitable, and inclusive peer review processes.

If you would like to get involved in Peer Review Week or have any questions, feel free to email [contactprweek@gmail.com](mailto:contactprweek@gmail.com).

### Peer Review Week 2021 Facts and Figures:

- **51 Organisations Involved in This Year’s Steering Committee**
  - They include globally active publishers, science journals, scholarly societies, not-for-profit organisations, universities, libraries, service providers, consulting experts, and funders.
  - They include four organisations that founded Peer Review Week in 2016: ORCID, ScienceOpen, Sense About Science, and Wiley.
  - They are based:
    - in the Americas (18)
    - in the UK and Europe (13)
    - multinationally (10)

- in Asia (9)
- in Africa (1)

- **Outreach Activities**

- Translations of the 2021 PRW announcement press release are available in 14 languages: Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese, Farsi, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Turkish, Urdu, and Vietnamese.
- PRW maintains an active social media presence on [YouTube](#) (400+ subscribers)
  - As of early September 2021, 64 Peer Review Week videos are available on YouTube.
- PRW maintains an active social media presence on Twitter ([@PeerRevWeek](#), ~3,000 followers)
  - During Peer Review Week 2021, the [@PeerRevWeek](#) Twitter account logged 280 new followers, 534 mentions, 23,800 profile visits, and 115,000 impressions.
  - For comparison: Peer Review Week 2020 logged 405 new followers, 734 mentions, 4,338 profile visits, and 118,000 impressions.

- **100 Unique Events and Activities During PRW 2021**

- More than 40 online webinars and training sessions, including [“Finding a Place in the Peer Review Process.”](#) organized by PRW Steering Committee members for early-career researchers.
- Nearly 30 Blog posts
- Over a dozen Videos
- Plus 15 unique online publications, quizzes, surveys, podcasts, and audio clips.
- View all activities [here](#)

- **Statistics on Peer Review**

- Data from ScholarOne (Clarivate) show that in the past 12 months (Sept. 1st 2020–Aug. 31st 2021) a total of 4,172,474 reviews were completed across 7,344 journals (4% decrease in comparison to Sept. 1st 2019–Aug. 31st 2020)