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UKSG Transfer Working Group Announces Improvements to the Code of Practice with Release of Version 3.0

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The UKSG Transfer Working Group is pleased to announce the release of the Transfer Code of Practice Version 3.0. The new version has a number of key updates dealing with new content types, clarification of subscriber types, journal URLs and redirects, nomenclature, and the timing and content of communications. Over the last 18 months the Transfer Working Group has revised and improved upon the previous version of the Code (released in September 2008) and sought feedback from the community through a public review process. Publishers will now be encouraged to follow the new version. Those publishers who endorse Transfer's principles by agreeing to align their procedures with the Code, and to apply them in practice, will be considered 'Transfer Compliant'.

The Transfer Code of Practice is a set of voluntary guidelines for publishers involved in any journal transfer. It covers difficult issues including ongoing provision of access to online content, exchange of subscriber lists, DOI and URL transfer, as well as perpetual access rights to journal content. Transfer and the Enhanced Transfer Alerting Service (<http://etas.jusp.mimas.ac.uk/>) were developed in response to the expressed needs of the scholarly journal community for consistent guidelines to help publishers ensure that journal content remains easily

accessible by librarians and readers when there is a transfer between parties, and to ensure that the transfer process occurs with minimum disruption.

If you would like more information about the Transfer Code of Practice, please contact one of the Co-Chairs of the Transfer Working Group:

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