

Knowledge for All: Building a Collaborative, International, and Open Citation Database

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Collaborative internet technologies and thriving open access, open source, and open data movements have fostered many projects that provide free access to scholarly journal citation data. This is vitally important for ensuring that researchers, policy makers, libraries, non-profit organizations, and the general public globally have access to all pertinent research, regardless of institutional affiliation or financial resources. However, there does not currently exist a tool that instead provides comprehensive access to all published scholarly journal citation data in a completely open format. Knowledge for All is that project. Using a collaborative, crowdsourcing model in all respects, Knowledge for All is an open access and open source scholarly citation database that is being developed by a non-profit organization in Atlantic Canada with the support of thousands of organizations and individuals worldwide. All data in the Knowledge for All system will be available in the public domain for re-use in any capacity, as well as being publicly available through a web interface with robust search features.

As a project that will be collaboratively developed, maintained, and used by the international research community, it is vitally important that the project meets the community's diverse needs. Thus, the PKP Conference provides an opportunity to present the working technology, content, funding, and governance models for the Knowledge for All project to the community to gather feedback and generate discussion and new ideas, particularly regarding how can we engage the entire international community in the Knowledge for All project.

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