



OPENCITATIONS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

[Legal name of the entity] with registered office in [...], at [address], Tax Registration No ... , VAT No. acting through the duly authorised [...] hereandafter referred to as “new Party”

WHEREAS

OpenCitations:

- is an independent infrastructure for open scholarship dedicated to the publication of bibliographic and citation data using Semantic Web technologies;
- supports the founding principles of Open Science and provides free and open means of accessing global scholarly bibliographic metadata and citation data, through open databases, open-source software and free services for the use of organizations (such as funders, research institutions, universities, libraries, repositories and publishers) and individuals worldwide;
- is hosted, for its hardware, data and services, at the University of Bologna and is managed by the Research Centre of Open Scholarly Metadata, a division of the Department of Classical Philology and Italian Studies (FICLIT) of the University of Bologna, created on 26th of November 2019;
- has not-for-profit research purposes and is not a legal entity;
- is one of three Open Science infrastructures whose facilities have been evaluated and selected by SCOSS (Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services) in its second funding cycle in 2019 for presentation to the international scholarly community for crowd-sourced sustainability funding;
- will operate with focus on innovation in the ways open bibliographic and citation data are managed and made available on several administrative and technical levels;
- aims to contribute to the scholarly information landscape by providing open bibliographic metadata and citation data of sufficient scope and coverage to disrupt the present reliance of the community on proprietary sources of such information.

Now therefore by entering into this Participant Agreement the new Party agree as follows

1. OBJECTIVES

OpenCitations organizes a range of activities that include:

- increasing the volume of open bibliographic metadata and citation data available, and their sharing and use, for any purpose, without restriction under copyright or database law;
- improving the OpenCitations software and hardware infrastructure to provide better services; promoting the use of the open bibliographic metadata and open citation data, by collaborating with advocacy groups and other academic projects and infrastructures, and
- promoting the Open Science movement and its community engagement through seminars, conferences, workshops and other forms of communication, including the use of social media.

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

This Participant Agreement and its effects are subject to and shall be construed and enforced in accordance with Italian law. Disputes that might arise concerning this Participant Agreement shall be settled amicably. In case of disputes for which no amicable solution is possible, the ordinary Courts of Bologna (Italy) shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

3. MEMBERSHIP

OpenCitations is open for Membership to all entities who wish to sign this Participant Agreement. By signing this Participant Agreement, the undersigned new Party acknowledges having reviewed the attached OpenCitations Statute (Annex 1) and expressly accepts all obligations and rights related to this member category:

- Supporting Member
- Strategic Member

with an annual contribution of _____(specify the amount in euros)
with effective date from the 1st of January of _____(year).

Date _____ Signature of the duly authorized representative of the Party _____

The representative of OpenCitations Hosting Member countersigns this Participant Agreement to confirm the positive evaluation, as described in attached OpenCitations Statute (Annex 1) of the application submitted by the new Party.

Date _____ Signature _____

A counterpart signature page of this Participant Agreement executed by Parties may be transmitted electronically by email, in searchable Portable Document Format (PDF), and shall be treated as an original, fully binding, and with full legal force and effect.