

# Appendix A: The Ubiquity Charter

Ubiquity Press Limited (“**Ubiquity**” or the “**Company**”) was formed in 2008. Since 2013, its mission has been to create an open future for research and knowledge by becoming the open access publisher of choice for learned societies, powering a new generation of university presses, and innovating services and tools for open scholarship.

In 2018 the shareholders of Ubiquity unanimously resolved to adopt a charter (the “**Ubiquity Charter**”) for the company to enshrine its business practice. The Ubiquity Charter is as follows:

“Ubiquity is committed to conducting its business in accordance with the following three policies:

## 1. **Open Access**

All articles and books published by Ubiquity will be open access, meaning that the content is universally and freely accessible via the Internet, in an easily readable format, with a Creative Commons Attribution licence.

## 2. **Open Source**

The Partner Press Platform (described in the Appendix to this Charter) produced by Ubiquity and licensed for use to members of the Ubiquity Partner Network (defined below) will be open source, meaning that all code will be free for reuse as long as Ubiquity is held harmless in respect of it.

## 3. **Unbundled Products**

All Ubiquity products will be available for sale individually and shall not be made exclusively available as part of larger product bundles.

For the purposes of this Charter, the “Ubiquity Partner Network” means those customers that have subsisting and valid contracts with the company, with the title “Ubiquity Partner Network Agreement”.

## **Appendix**

### **Ubiquity Partner Press Platform Description**

The Ubiquity Partner Press Platform is comprised of the following components:

- The Ubiquity Partner Press Portal, comprising:
  - o A home web page listing displaying selected content and announcements;
  - o Web pages containing information relating to the operation of the press;
  - o Web pages listing journals published and hosted by the press; and
  - o Web pages listing and hosting books published by the press.

- Fully published or hosted open access journals with their own web sites to provide access to articles, and submission, peer review and editorial management systems.
- A book management system for the submission, peer review, editorial and production management of books.
- A repository system for the hosting of publications, research data and other materials.
- A conference management system.

The Ubiquity Partner Press Platform does not include any other software or products produced and used internally or distributed externally by Ubiquity."

### **Adoption**

This Charter was unanimously approved by the shareholders of Ubiquity Press Limited on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2018.