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Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen, and welcome to our session on

“The real costs of OA journal publishing and the potentials of a fully OA paradigm in scholarly communication”.

In accordance with the goals of the OA2020 initiative, this year’s Berlin Open Access conference is mostly focused on the large-scale transformation of traditional journals and publishers from subscription to open access.

Nevertheless, we also remain firmly committed to the support of new and improved forms of OA publishing, including the development and advancement of new and existing OA publishers and publishing platforms, as emphasized in the OA2020 Expression of Interest.

Therefore, we have not only invited traditional subscription publishers for a special colloquy tomorrow morning, but we have also invited a pure OA publisher for a special session today.

In this session, we want to gather and share detailed and robust information on the actual costs of top-quality OA journal publishing as well as the improvement of quality assurance and traceability in an open access environment.

With this intention, I am very pleased to welcome and introduce our guest speaker Martin Rasmussen, the managing director of Copernicus Publications.

Martin studied geoinformatics, environmental chemistry and physics at the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena, where he obtained an M.Sc. degree in hydrology.

Since the year 2004, Martin is leading Copernicus Publications in Göttingen, Germany. He is a co-founder of the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA) established in 2008, he serves as an advisory board member of the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).

Martin is not only an expert in scientific journal publishing, but also an experienced contributor to conferences and workshops on open access, open data, and open science.

Moreover, he has been and continues to be actively engaged in various national and international initiatives and working groups for the financing of open access, the maintenance and improvement of peer review, and the curation and citation of scientific data.

Thus, we are glad that Martin Rasmussen accepted our invitation, and we look forward to his presentation.