

TU9 Speaks in Favor of Nationwide Licensing of Titles from Major Academic Publishers

**TU9 supports the DEAL project in its entirety
and calls on Elsevier to continue constructive negotiation talks**

Berlin, April 4, 2017 – Last week, a further round of negotiations between the Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany DEAL project team and academic publisher Elsevier Verlag ended without result. The talks had been necessary due to the fact that none of the offers made so far had come even close to meeting the scientific community's demands.

The TU9 Alliance fully supports the negotiation objectives of the DEAL project team:

- **Participating institutions:** All institutions entitled to participate in alliance and national licensing agreements.
- DEAL institutions have permanent, full-text access to Elsevier's **complete** portfolio of titles (e-journals)
- **All** publications by authors from German institutions are automatically made open access (CC-BY, including peer review).
- Appropriate pricing using a simple, forward-looking **calculation model based on the volume of publications**.

The TU9 Universities rule out bilateral talks with Elsevier and see the DEAL project team as the sole negotiating partner.

About TU9

TU9 is the Alliance of leading Universities of Technology in Germany: RWTH Aachen University, Technische Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Technical University of Darmstadt, Technische Universität Dresden, Leibniz University Hannover, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Technical University of Munich, and University of Stuttgart.

Tradition, excellence, and innovation are the hallmarks of TU9 Universities. Founded during the Industrial Age, they contributed decisively to technological progress back then and continue to do so today. They enjoy an outstanding reputation around the world as renowned research and teaching institutions that promote the transfer of knowledge and technology between universities and practice. As such, they train exceptional young academics for careers in science, business, and administration and assume social responsibility. TU9 Universities foster top-class international networks and diverse cooperation with industry, making them a key element of Germany's position as a location of science and innovation.

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