

Elsevier alternative facts

At a panel at ARCL 2017, there was a question involving Lingua/Glossa/Elsevier. Elsevier replied saying that they offered the Lingua/Glossa editorial team the same APC option that UP gave. They also stated that Glossa is currently heavily subsidised from the Dutch government and only sustainable at the current APC with this subsidy.

The question and answer can be found from around minute 47

at <http://acrl.learningtimesevents.org/you-say-you-want-a-revolution-the-ethical-imperative-of-open-access/>

This is not factually correct. Elsevier did not offer the Glossa editorial team the same APC option as UP did. There is no correspondence to that effect, and there were no discussions including that offer. Admittedly, Glossa is subsidized by the Dutch government to the extent that there is a fund guaranteeing the payment of APCs for authors who cannot afford it. In actual fact, about 90% of the authors publishing in Glossa have found a way to pay for the APC via their own institution. So the dependence of Glossa on the Dutch government's largesse is greatly exaggerated. The correspondence with Elsevier on the Lingua/Glossa transition is available on request.