



Amsterdam, February 3rd, 2021

Re: Science Direct Agreement for 2021

Dear CRUE President,
D. Jose Carlos Gomez Villamandos,

I hope this message finds you well. Firstly, I would like to thank you for your interest and trust in the products and services Elsevier offers. The collaboration we have enjoyed in recent years has been a great benefit to scientists, researchers and students and we would be delighted to see it continue.

As we continue to discuss the terms of a new ScienceDirect subscription agreement for a term commencing *January 1st, 2021*, I would like to address some issues pertaining to this. As you are probably aware, your ScienceDirect contract expired on the 31st of December 2020 and, as stated in section 5 of the subscription agreement and communicated to you before, the agreement would need to be renewed before the end of the calendar year if you wish to continue with such access in 2021.

Since it has become clear that the current renewal discussions have taken longer than we originally had planned, we are willing to agree to extend current access to Science Direct as of January 1st 2021 until the April 15th 2021 subject to the pricing, terms and conditions of the current subscription agreements (the "Current Agreements").

This period should give us more than sufficient time to conclude the renewal of the agreement and alleviate any unnecessary pressure on our discussions, while continue to secure access to our content by the scientists, researchers and students that rely on it. Please note that the 2021 Science Direct subscription agreement must be signed and returned to Elsevier by April 15th, 2021 in order to continue access in 2021.

Please note that upon completion of such new Science Direct agreements, for the subscription year 2021, the new agreements merges and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous agreements, communications, proposals, written or oral, between the parties and will be retroactively effective as per the first of January 2021.

In the event we are not able to sign and execute a new agreement on or before *April 15th 2021*, Elsevier will invoice you for the applicable period in 2021 you continued to use the Elsevier products and services as per the pricing, terms and conditions of the current agreement.

Please do not hesitate to contact Alvaro Ybarra, [REDACTED], Edward Wedel Larsen, or myself in case you have [REDACTED] any queries or if you want to discuss the matter. We look forward to a successful completion of the renewal discussions and to the continuation of our collaboration.

Yours Sincerely,

Gino Ussi
Executive Vice-President Research Solutions Sales
Elsevier B.V.
Radarweg 29
1043 NX Amsterdam
Fax: +31 20 485 3739

Date:

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:
