Guide to Joining

BioOne offers nonprofit societies, associations, institutions, and other independent publishing organizations the opportunity to enhance their online presence, increase global distribution, and earn a competitive annual royalty through its full-text aggregation, BioOne Complete. Since its launch in 2001, BioOne Complete has established itself as the premier destination for independent publishing in the biological, ecological, and environmental sciences. Lauded for both its high-quality content and unique business model, BioOne has returned over $45M back to participating publishers since launch, all while keeping costs to libraries at 90% less than the commercial average.

Interested in Joining BioOne Complete?

Inclusion is competitive, and BioOne only adds a few new subscribed titles each year. This measured growth strategy ensures a high-quality aggregation that will be attractive to subscribers, and that participants receive a stable and sustainable revenue stream.

BioOne offers a single, transparent, and non-exclusive license for participants. Publishers must be non-profit organizations, publishing peer-reviewed titles in the biological, ecological, or environmental sciences, and be willing to submit current, full-text content that is predominantly published in English. We require the submission of current content at the time of publication, and cannot accommodate requests for embargoes or indexing-only arrangements.

Open Access? OA titles receive all of the benefits of subscribed titles, except royalty sharing, and the evaluation process is the same. Learn more here.

Evaluation

In the spring of each year, prospective publications are assessed based on a variety of criteria including, but not limited to:

- fit with the aggregation’s content scope and cohort gaps;
- library and user surveying and specific title requests;
- a record of on-time publication;
- international scope and editorial board; and
- community metrics/indicators of citations and strong usage.

Licenses are signed by June 30, enabling marketing to the library community in our August content announcement. All new titles debut the first week of January. Titles that are not selected for a given year are kept on file and revisited each subsequent year.

For details on financial and strategic benefits of participation, please refer to our Benefits to Publishers guide. For more information or to register your interest on joining BioOne Complete, please contact us.

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