



PANGAEA[®] - Research Data enters Scholarly Communication

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Seeing the overall positive impact on the quality and availability of scientific data the PANGAEA[®] group is offering publication services since several years. They were the main initiators of the "Earth System Science Journal" at Copernicus (<http://earth-system-science-data.net/>), which is used for standalone peer reviewed data publications. A further milestone was building up strong co-operations with commercial publishers as Elsevier, Nature, Springer, Wiley, AGU, and others. A common web service allows to reference related data in PANGAEA[®] directly from an articles' abstract page (e.g. ScienceDirect). The next step with commercial publishers is to further integrate the editorial process for the publication of related data with the publication procedures on the journal side, which practically means an extension of the peer review and a synchronization of editorial processes.

In this presentation we will introduce the auditorium with the data publication workflow used by PANGAEA[®], the technical background of the dynamic linking approach done between conventional publishers and the data repository, and the further steps for integrating editorial processes on both sides.

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