

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT





# WELCOME

At PKP, our mission is to **develop and support open infrastructure that increases the quality, diversity, and accessibility** of scholarly publishing.

This past year the number of journals using our software **grew from 44,000 to over [52,000](#)**, extending our reach from 148 to 161 countries, and demonstrating continued growth in Global South adoption—all while maintaining multilingual support across more than 60 languages.

This year, [OJS](#) was selected to power the **European Commission's Open Research Europe (ORE)** platform, affirming our global relevance.

Guided by our values of openness, inclusion, and collaboration, we expanded services, enhanced education and documentation, and prepared for the release of OJS/OMP/OPS 3.5, all in close consultation with our community.

## Securing major funding to expand impact

PKP's continued growth in 2024–2025 was made possible by our global community's trust.

Two major opportunities—**\$1.2M from ORE** and **€150K from [ALMASI](#)**—enabled us to hire seven new team members and pursue long-term priorities like production tools, training, accessibility, and documentation.

These efforts reinforce our mission while enhancing global infrastructure equity.





In 2024–2025, PKP advanced key initiatives that embody its mission to support open, inclusive, and community-driven scholarly publishing.

The selection of OJS to power Open Research Europe, the expansion of multilingual and regional engagement efforts, and continued innovation in tools like the Publication Facts Label are just a few examples of how PKP is strengthening global infrastructure.

As members of the [Advisory Committee](#), we’ve observed how these accomplishments reflect a deep and sustained commitment to transparency, collaboration, and equity.

PKP’s leadership in Diamond Open Access, its principled stance on emerging technologies, and its responsiveness to community input set it apart in a rapidly evolving landscape.

By remaining true to its values and purpose, PKP is not only meeting today’s challenges—it is helping shape a more just and accessible future for scholarly communication.

**Marco Tullney,**  
Advisory Committee Chair



# COMMUNITY & ENGAGEMENT



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The success PKP as a community-led, open source project critically depends on voluntary community contributions, both financial and in-kind.

Community members participate in committees and interest groups, contribute code towards feature development, participate in usability testing, attend sprints, and share their expertise on the Community Forum.

We’re enormously grateful for the commitment of groups and individuals who contribute to the sustainability and success of our work. Thank you!

**Kevin Stranack**  
Director of Operations

**PKP's global community plays a vital role in shaping our work.**

In 2024, the Members Committee, featuring participants from India, the UK, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Spain, Canada, and the US, met regularly to provide feedback on documentation, liaison programming, PKP School, and UI/UX priorities.

Across forums, translations, events, and new initiatives like ALMASI, **community input guided our decisions and expanded our reach**, especially in multilingual and underrepresented regions.

## Building global connections and collaborations

The PKP Community Forum remains a vital global hub for collaboration, support, and innovation.

Members engage in discussions, share ideas, request features, and highlight custom plugins and unique publications through the Community Showcase.

Regional Networks connect users with shared linguistic and regional needs.

**11 179 927**

## Community Forum page views

**1 277**

## Signups

6 323

## New Posts

## Français category

**Español category** 

50 posts, 206 replies, 6894 views

 **Deutsche category**  
12 posts, 29 replies, 1330 views

**Italian category**  
2 posts, 25 replies, 2800 views



## Shaping our work through community input

In summer 2024 our “Feedback Jam Sessions” brought community members together to help shape the future of our [Learning OJS](#) documentation and [PKP School](#).

These collaborative sessions, along with feedback from webinars, the [Community Forum](#), and usability testing, ensure our work remains aligned with the real-world needs of the scholarly publishing community.

## Enhancing documentation and translations

Led by Emma Uhl, PKP’s Documentation, translation focused on sustainability and long-term planning.

**The Documentation Interest Group launched two key projects:**

**Revising the documentation platform and overhauling Learning OJS** both guided by community input, including the successful Feedback Jam.

**Our software is available in 60 languages, largely thanks to translations contributed by passionate members of our community.**

**Six documentation projects were completed**, including multimodal publishing and Indonesian translations

of the Upgrade Guides, iThenticate Plugin, and DOAJ Application Guide, led by Maria Lamury.

## Expanding outreach in Indonesia

Maria Lamury joined as our first Local Liaison, leading seven events on workflows, upgrades, and plugins, including in person workshops and webinars.

In August 2024, Publishing Services team members Patricia Mangahis and Jonas Raoni Da Silva made waves in Indonesia by joining Crossref on a country-wide tour to share their expertise and knowledge of OJS plugins and upgrading.

**These events emphasized open**

**access, multilingualism, and inclusive participation, removing financial and geographic barriers.**

## Partnering on the ALMASI Project to strengthen Diamond Open Access

PKP became a partner in the EC-funded ALMASI (Aligning and Mutualizing Nonprofit Open Access Publishing Services Internationally) Project, **co-leading efforts to strengthen nonprofit and Diamond OA publishing across Africa, Europe, and Latin America.**

**Expanding outreach in Indonesia — the country with the most OJS journals — was a major achievement.**

# EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

**PKP remains committed to offering relevant, engaging educational opportunities that draw on the expertise of our team and partners to support our global publishing community.**

## **Facilitating self-paced, online learning**

PKP School continues to connect learners worldwide through self-paced, online courses designed to enhance publishing knowledge and skills.

**This year, we launched Introduction to Getting Started in Library Publishing in collaboration with the Library Publishing Coalition.**

The course provides foundational

knowledge ahead of the full Library Publishing Curriculum, originally adapted for PKP in 2018. We also began restructuring the Becoming an Editor course.

**In 2024, PKP School welcomed 1,174 new users from 110 countries, with nine learners earning course completion certificates.**

## **Sharing knowledge through live events**

**We hosted 18 professional development and community-building events, including 4 “Development News” webinars.**

Topics included Advancing Open Publishing Infrastructure for Open

Research Europe, Accessibility in OJS Software and Publications, and What’s New in OJS 3.5.

**These online events reached over 1,500 participants, with [recordings available](#) for future viewing.**





## Building capacity through regional and global collaboration

PKP partnered with Crossref, the University of Gadjah Mada, and Relawan Jurnal Indonesia to deliver [workshops in Indonesia](#), supporting journals in upgrading to more secure software versions.

In December 2024, PKP staff attended the Second Annual [Diamond Open Access Summit](#) in Cape Town, South Africa.

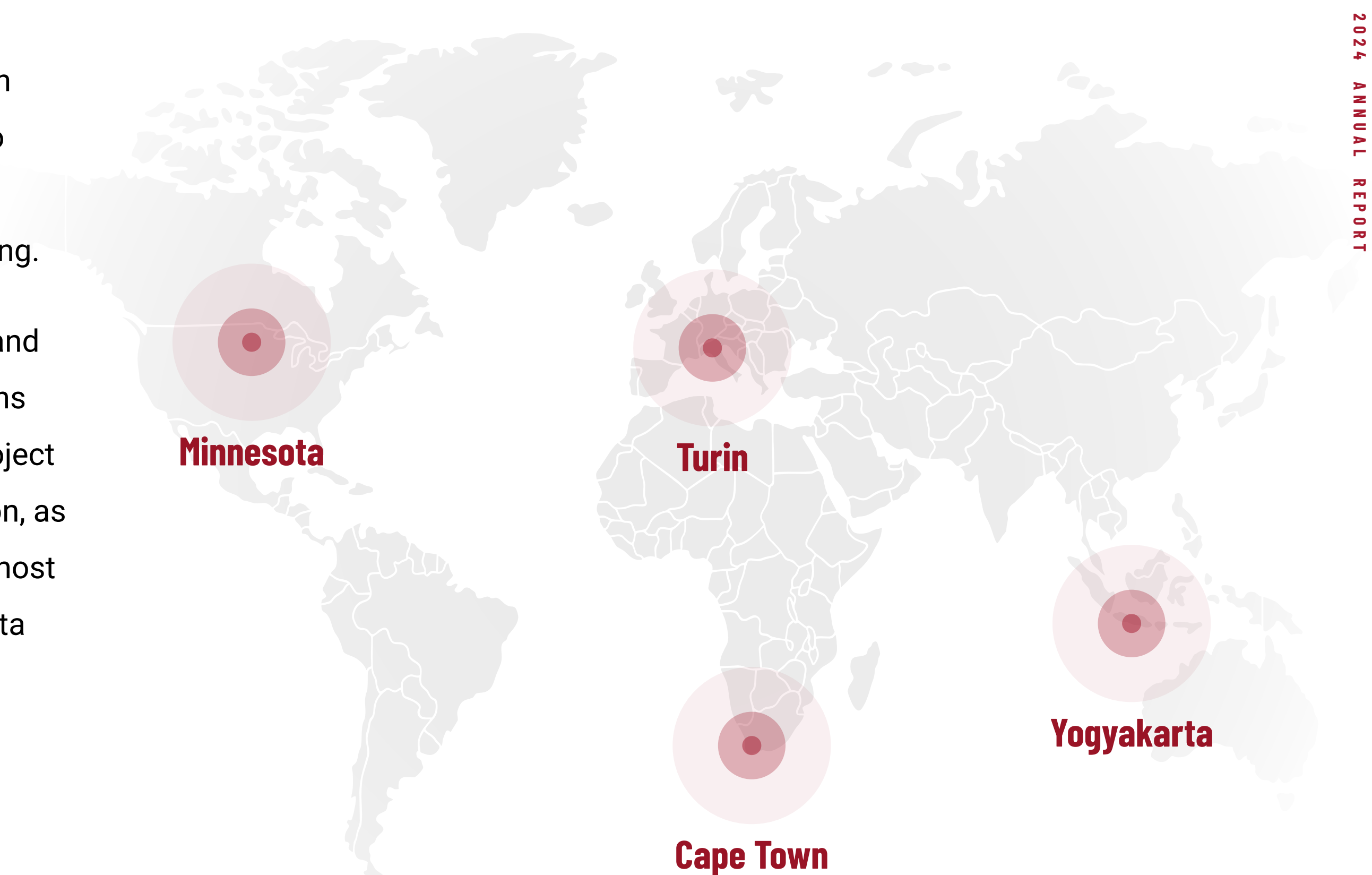
**Alongside DOAJ and Redalyc, we co-hosted a two-day workshop focused on hands-on OJS training, editorial workflow optimization using XML, and increasing journal visibility.**

**We also contributed to a separate workshop exploring strategies for sustainable open access book publishing in the Global South.**

The Summit's focus on social justice in scholarly communication strongly aligns with our mission to enhance the quality, diversity, and accessibility of academic publishing.

PKP's 2024 Sprints in Minnesota and Turin were a result of collaborations with our partners at CRAFT-OA project and the Library Publishing Coalition, as well as the warm welcome of our host institutions, University of Minnesota Libraries and University of Turin.

**Our [Sprints](#) are important spaces for **dialogue and community connections** that shape and improve our software and resources.**





# OPEN INFRASTRUCTURE

## Advancing core software

The PKP Development Team focused on **finalizing OJS, OMP, and OPS 3.5.0** and preparing for the OSS ORE project, enabling progress on long-term goals like typesetting, open reviews, improved JATS, integrated preprint workflow, and more.

New hires supported this work. The 3.5.0 release is expected in Q2 2025.

The team also held a PKP sprint in Turin to plan 3.6 features and engage community, at which time we also participated in CRAFT-OA related sessions with our European partners.

## Investing in the future of OMP

In September 2024, Zoe Wake Hyde became OMP Coordinator to lead a 6-month review of [OMP's role](#) and position. **Over a dozen team interviews and consultations with the PKP Members Committee were followed by user interviews with six OMP instances across five countries.**

**A landscape analysis and positive community feedback are shaping OMP's evolution.**

Initial findings show OMP's ongoing importance in supporting diverse publications globally, enhancing access to knowledge and impact beyond traditional scholarly books.

## Fostering collaborative governance and community-driven innovation

The [Technical Committee](#)'s members collectively set discussion topics and priorities. It responds to PKP needs (e.g., JATS, strategic planning) while proactively addressing emerging issues like distributed DOIs and quality control.

**Acting as both a collaborative lab and global network, the TC identifies shared needs and avoids duplicated efforts.**

Monthly meetings show strong commitment, with a mix of experienced and new members. Public notes ensure transparency and alignment with POSI principles.

## Demonstrating our commitment to open

Coalition Publica, our partnership with Érudit, released a [Diamond Open Access](#) statement and signed the [Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information](#).



CP co-organized or joined five major events, including webinars, conference panels, and symposia, with diverse stakeholders.

These efforts supported PKP's mission by building community, promoting inclusive collaboration, and empowering the future of scholarship through initiatives like the [Student Journal Forum](#) and the [Canadian Symposium of Scholarly Journals](#), all while strengthening open infrastructure and expanding access to knowledge in scholarly publishing.

## Expanding global hosting

Our [Publishing Services](#) division continued to grow in 2024-2025, adding **133 journals from 25 different countries** to our PKP-hosted community.

**Today, our team hosts PKP software for clients in every major continent (except Antarctica).**

New journals under our hosting include publications from a wide range of contexts, from single, society run journals (like the Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists, joining us in 2024 after moving from Taylor & Francis to a self-publishing model) to multi-journal university presses (like the University of South Africa Press, also joining us in 2024 to migrate their 20+ journal install and OMP).





# RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

In 2024-2025, PKP deepened its commitment to open and inclusive scholarly publishing by generating evidence that informs global infrastructure, promotes transparency, and aligns with emerging policy frameworks for equitable access to knowledge.



## Strengthening indexing and metadata quality

A major focus this year was universal indexing for OJS journals.

We finalized studies on metadata quality and the role of open bibliographic databases like OpenAlex, laying the groundwork for initiatives such as the Collaborative Metadata Curation [Taskforce](#) (COMET) as well as further efforts to improve the quality of the metadata generated with PKP software.

These findings also supported a proposal to the CFI Innovation Fund to expand metadata enrichment efforts across scholarly infrastructures.

## Advancing tools for transparency and integrity

We continued development of the Publication Facts Label ([PFL](#)), now in use by over 100 journals.

Displayed on article landing pages, the label shares peer review and editorial data to support rigorous evaluation.

Co-development with the Ottawa Heart Institute ensures its relevance across diverse publishing contexts.

Publication Facts	
This article	Other articles
Peer reviewers 2	2.4
Reviewer  <a href="#">profiles</a>	
Author Statements	
Data availability <a href="#">Yes</a>	18%
External Funding <a href="#">Yes</a>	32%
Competing Interests No	3%
This journal	Other journals
Articles accepted 23%	38%
Days to publication 134	145
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# RESEARCH PRIORITIES



## Exploring preprints and responsible innovation

Our studies on preprint moderation, visibility, and media coverage contributed to a **deeper understanding of the evolving role of preprints in scholarly communications.**

They are also informing **ongoing conversations around innovation in scholarly workflows**, including those around the Publish-Review-Curate model that will be enabled by future versions of OJS.



## Contributing to global policy alignment

PKP's research informed major policy conversations in scholarly communication. Our study estimating the billions spent annually on APCs **reinforced the urgency of sustainable, equitable alternatives** like Diamond Open Access.

We also contributed to international initiatives like ALMASI and endorsed the Barcelona Declaration, **strengthening our role in shaping nonprofit, community-led publishing models worldwide.**

**These efforts contribute to a global conversation about access, equity, and transparency.**



# FINANCE, GRATITUDE & WHAT'S NEXT

This year, PKP's mission was powered by **strategic funding, hosting revenue, and the support of our global community.**

These achievements reflect a shared vision for sustainable, inclusive infrastructure and set the stage for transformative work in 2025 and beyond.

## Growing strong, diverse services

Publishing Services welcomed 74 new clients in 2024-2025 and now supports over 500+ installations, 800+ domains, and 1000+ journals worldwide.

Our team continues to grow in diversity and expertise as well, deepening our

impact and offering support across six time zones including Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Turkey, and the UK.

**Client feedback in 2024 revealed a strong level of satisfaction with our services, including highly rated responsiveness, promptness, and effectiveness of support.**

Continuous improvement efforts based on collected feedback, including increased client check-ins and improved onboarding, were **reflected in our annual client retention rate which rose from 87% in 2023-2024 to 95% in 2024-2025.**



## REVENUE

Community Memberships \$576,452



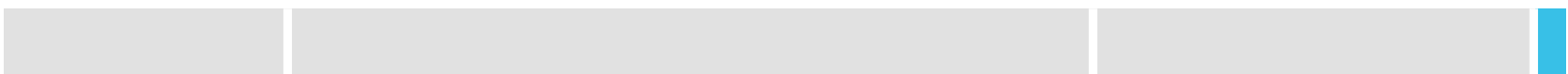
Publishing Services \$1,640,276



Grants \$896,691



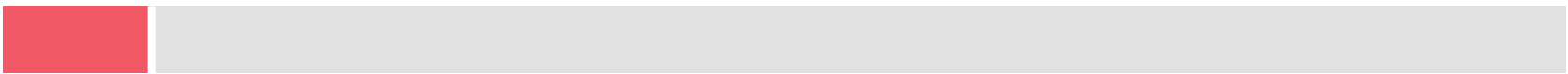
SFU In-kind \$62,355



**Total Revenue** **\$3,175,774**

## EXPENSES

Infrastructure \$355,058



Outreach \$118,816.10



Administration \$36,149.80



Personnel \$3,352,304



**Total Expenses** **\$3,862,328**  
(Deficit) (\$686,554)

**Accumulated Surplus** **\$1,072,666**

Note: The 24/25 deficit was primarily due to funds being received after the closing of this fiscal year’s March 31 deadline.



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## We are deeply grateful to our community

Our work is sustained by the financial and in-kind contributions of our members, partners, volunteers, hosted clients, and collaborators

From translations to testing, your efforts make PKP's mission possible. Thank you.

## We're building the future—join us

In 2025–2026, PKP will focus on evolving infrastructure for journals, monographs, and preprints; expanding multilingual support; and advancing Diamond OA globally.

Together, we will continue supporting independent, community-led publishing.

## We invite you to be part of this journey.

