

## Annual Reviews to host “Scientific Knowledge for Everyone” event during Open Access week



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Nonprofit publisher **Annual Reviews** will participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual global celebration of Open Access week (25 – 31 October 2021) by hosting “[Scientific Knowledge for Everyone](#),” a free virtual event.

With the world confronting a pandemic and facing a climate crisis, it is urgently important that people can discover and explore knowledge. Scientific knowledge empowers readers with information, data, and insights on key issues, but making it understandable and engaging is not easy.

**Annual Reviews** has brought together an exciting panel for a webinar titled “Scientific Knowledge for Everyone” to delve into the role of research and the value in communicating it across our global community.

“Open access is essential but both crises reveal the need for high-quality summaries of knowledge for non-scientists,” said Harmit Singh Malik, Professor at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute, Seattle, and a participant in the event. Rosie Mestel, veteran science journalist added, “Journalists and other skilled communicators have a key role in explaining the science in lay terms and putting it in a broader context.”

Diana Üрге-Vorsatz, Professor of Environmental Sciences at Central European University, Budapest and panelist, said, “Policy- and decision-makers are crucial targets for research knowledge. It is

essential to make scientific research more accessible, without researchers themselves stepping into political questions.”

Richard Gallagher, President and Editor-in-Chief of Annual Reviews, who will moderate the discussion, said, “Annual Reviews is pioneering a new pathway to sustainably make academic literature open to everyone by using the Subscribe to Open (S2O) model. Publication of the reviews is the start of our communication, not the end of it. With our free online events and the digital *Knowable Magazine*, we provide tools for bringing usable knowledge to everyone.”

The free online event, taking place on Wednesday October 27, 2021, at 9:30 am PDT / 12:30 pm EDT / 6:30 pm CEST, will explore issues ranging from the societal—such as the need for scientific findings to inform sound policy responses to the pandemic and climate change—to the personal, through stories from the panelists’ working lives where unlocking knowledge helped guide individual decisions or spark an appreciation of the natural world.

### **Scientific Knowledge for Everyone event**

[Register](#) for the event and learn more [here](#).

Guest Speakers are:

- Harmit Singh Malik, Professor at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute, Seattle, USA and Editorial Committee Member for the *Annual Review of Virology*
- Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, Professor of Environmental Sciences at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary and Editorial Committee Member for the *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*
- Rosie Mestel, Executive Editor of *Knowable Magazine*, the digital magazine from Annual Reviews

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