

# Preprints.org 2025 Annual Report

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# About Preprints.org

Preprints.org is a free, multidisciplinary preprint platform for the rapid and open sharing of early research worldwide. Launched in 2016 and supported by MDPI, it enables researchers to share their work quickly and engage with the global research community through early feedback. Most submissions are screened and posted within one working day, reducing the time between discovery and visibility. Each preprint receives a DOI and is indexed by services such as the Web of Science Preprint Citation Index, enhancing accessibility and visibility.

## Mission

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To empower researchers worldwide by making early research openly accessible, enabling rapid community feedback and connecting scholars across disciplines and borders.

## Vision

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To shape the future of scholarly communication by building a global hub for early research sharing, advancing responsible open science, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the rapid dissemination of knowledge.

# A Message to the Preprints.org Community

The year 2025 marked another step in our shared journey as Preprints.org approaches its tenth anniversary in 2026. Over the past nine years, the platform has grown into a global, multidisciplinary hub where researchers across disciplines share their work openly and engage with the community through early feedback and discussion.

In 2025, our community continued to grow, with steady increases in both submissions and readership. Most manuscripts are screened and posted within one working day, helping new discoveries reach the community quickly. We also introduced several platform improvements—including a redesigned article page, a reading list feature, and customizable subscriptions—to make discovering and following research even easier.

Trust remains at the heart of what we do. Over the past year, we strengthened screening procedures and safeguards to support ethical research practices, transparency, and the responsible use of AI-assisted content. These efforts help ensure that researchers and readers can confidently rely on the platform.

Community engagement also expanded in 2025. During International Open Access Week, we hosted our first webinar, “*Who Has a Voice in Open Science?*”, bringing together partners and researchers to explore more equitable ways of sharing knowledge. We also launched the *Researcher Voices* series, highlighting the people behind the research and their experiences with preprints and open science.

As we look ahead to our tenth anniversary, we are grateful to everyone who has been part of this journey. Together with researchers around the world, we look forward to continuing to build a space where ideas can be shared early, discussed openly, and developed collectively.

# 2025 at a Glance

## Highlights

- ✓ Continued growth since 2023
- ✓ First time exceeding **30,000 preprints posted in a single year**
- ✓ **100,000 total posted preprints** milestone reached in June 2025

**31,691**

Preprints Posted

**39,859**

New Authors

**5.8M**

Views on Preprints.org

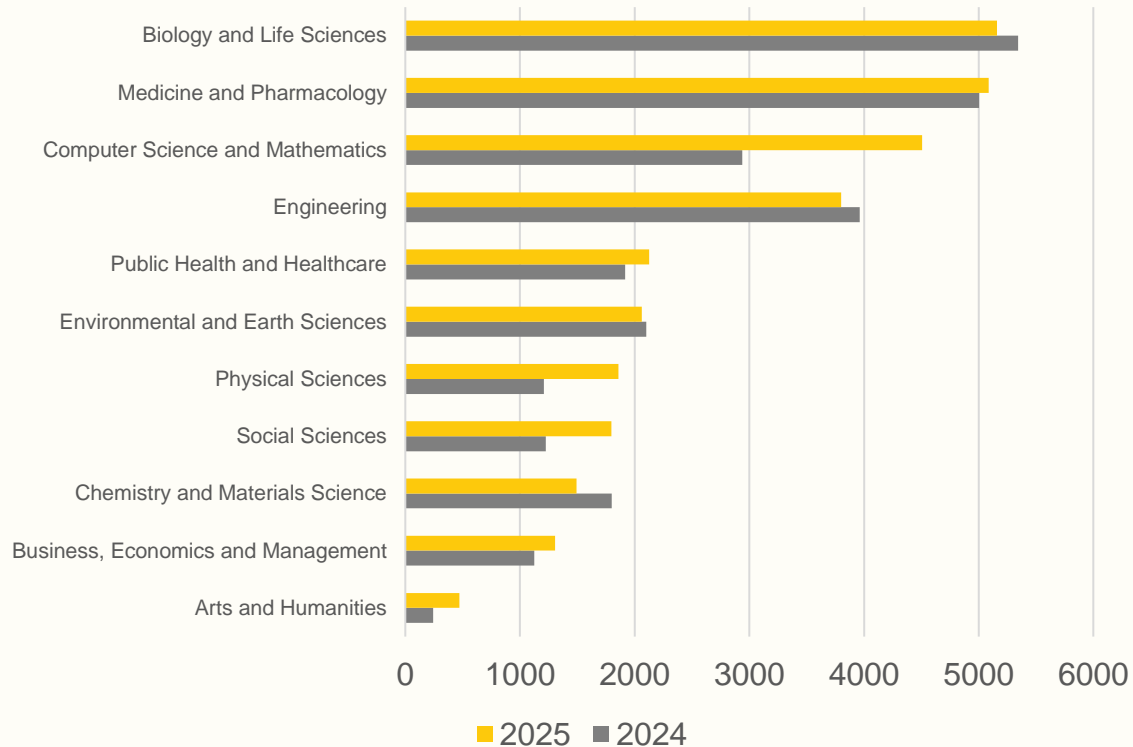
**9.7M**

Downloads Across the Web

**57.3%**

Later Published in Journals

# Expanding Disciplinary Diversity



Submissions to Preprints.org in 2025 continued to expand across a broad range of research disciplines, reinforcing the platform's multidisciplinary scope.

## Key Insights



### Strong Participation from Life Sciences

Biology and Life Sciences and Medicine and Pharmacology remained the largest subject areas on the platform, accounting for a significant share of total submissions.



### Rapid Growth in Computational and Physical Sciences

Computer Science and Mathematics, and Physical Sciences recorded the fastest growth compared with 2024, reflecting increasing acceptance of Preprints.org in these disciplines.



### Broad Disciplinary Participation

Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Social Sciences, and Chemistry continued to contribute steadily, highlighting the diverse research communities engaging with Preprints.org.

# Operational Excellence

*Delivering fast, reliable, and responsible preprint posting*

**24.6** hours  
Median Time to Posting

**315** +27 in 2025  
Advisory Board Members

**264** +65 in 2025  
Screeners Supporting Screening

In 2025, Preprints.org continued to enhance submission processing efficiency while maintaining robust screening standards. Supported by an expanding network of advisory board members and dedicated screeners, most manuscripts are screened and posted within one working day. These efforts ensure that research can be shared rapidly while upholding responsible preprint posting and research integrity.

## Responsible Preprint Posting in the AI Era

As generative AI tools become increasingly accessible, Preprints.org has strengthened its screening standards to ensure transparency and responsible research dissemination.

### Key principles introduced in 2025 include:

- Enhanced screening procedures to identify AI-generated manuscripts
- Any use of AI must be clearly disclosed
- AI may assist language polishing but cannot generate scientific claims or conclusions
- AI tools cannot be listed as authors


*While preprints accelerate research communication, responsible screening ensures that speed never comes at the expense of trust*

# Expanding Disciplinary Diversity


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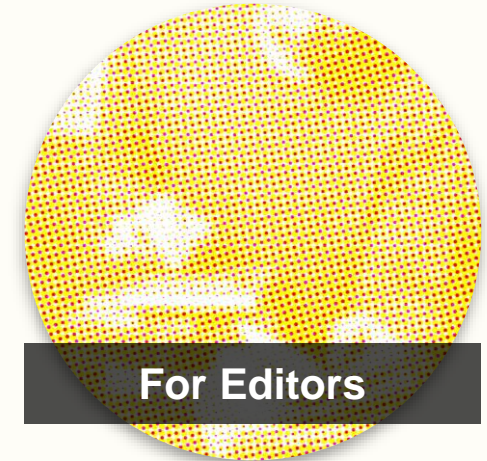
2025 marked the first full year following the relaunch of Preprints.org. Throughout the year, our development team continued to enhance the platform to support a growing volume of submissions while improving the experience for both authors and readers.




-  • A redesigned multi-step submission process for a smoother experience
- One-click PRReview requests for faster community feedback



-  • Redesigned article pages for improved reading and navigation
- Reading Lists and subscriptions for better discovery



-  • Workflow optimizations streamline editorial processes and reduce repetitive tasks
- Enhanced tools support editors in managing growing submission volumes

# Connecting with the Academic Community

Preprints.org maintains close connections with the academic community. In 2025, we expanded our communication channels to better connect with researchers worldwide, joining Bluesky in March and launching our Facebook presence in September.

## Our Channels

-  @Preprints\_org
-  Preprints.org
-  @Preprints.org
-  @preprints.bsky.social
-  PreprintsOrg 预印本

## What We Share

Throughout the year, our social channels focused on fostering meaningful conversations around preprints, open science, and early-stage research.

Through initiatives such as the “Learn About Preprints” series, we help scholars explore the practical applications and benefits of preprints. By highlighting high-interest research and engaging in broader open science discussions, we aim to deliver real value to the community.

*Wherever researchers gather,  
Preprints.org is ready to join the conversation*



# Events & Initiatives

In 2025, together with the academic community, Preprints.org launched a series of events and initiatives to encourage dialogue and collaboration around preprints and open science.

## “Who Has a Voice in Open Science?” Webinar

During International Open Access Week, Preprints.org hosted its inaugural webinar, “Who Has a Voice in Open Science?”. Together with partners from PRereview, Rippling Ideas, ASAPbio, and the African Reproducibility Network, we explored how preprints can support more equitable and inclusive research sharing.

**102**

Attendees

**144K+**

Social Media Impressions

### Represented Institutions



Preprints.org  
**2025**  
Webinars

**Who Has a Voice in Open Science?**  
13 October 2025  
08:00 am (PDT) | 05:00 pm (CEST) | 11:00 pm (CST)



Speakers

**Mr. Lloyd Shu**  
Product Manager of Preprints.org

**Dr. Daniela Saderi**  
Executive Director and Co-founder of PRereview

**Dr. Jonny Coates**  
Executive Director and Founder of Rippling Ideas

**Dr. Lamis Elkheir**  
Director of Training and Resource Development,  
African Reproducibility Network, ASAPbio Fellow



Host

**Dr. Ioana Craciun**  
Scientific Advisor at Preprints.org

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## World Book Day Events

To celebrate World Book Day, we launched the Reading List feature alongside community initiatives such as the Preprint Reading Marathon and Reader's Choice, encouraging researchers to discover, organize, and share impactful preprints.

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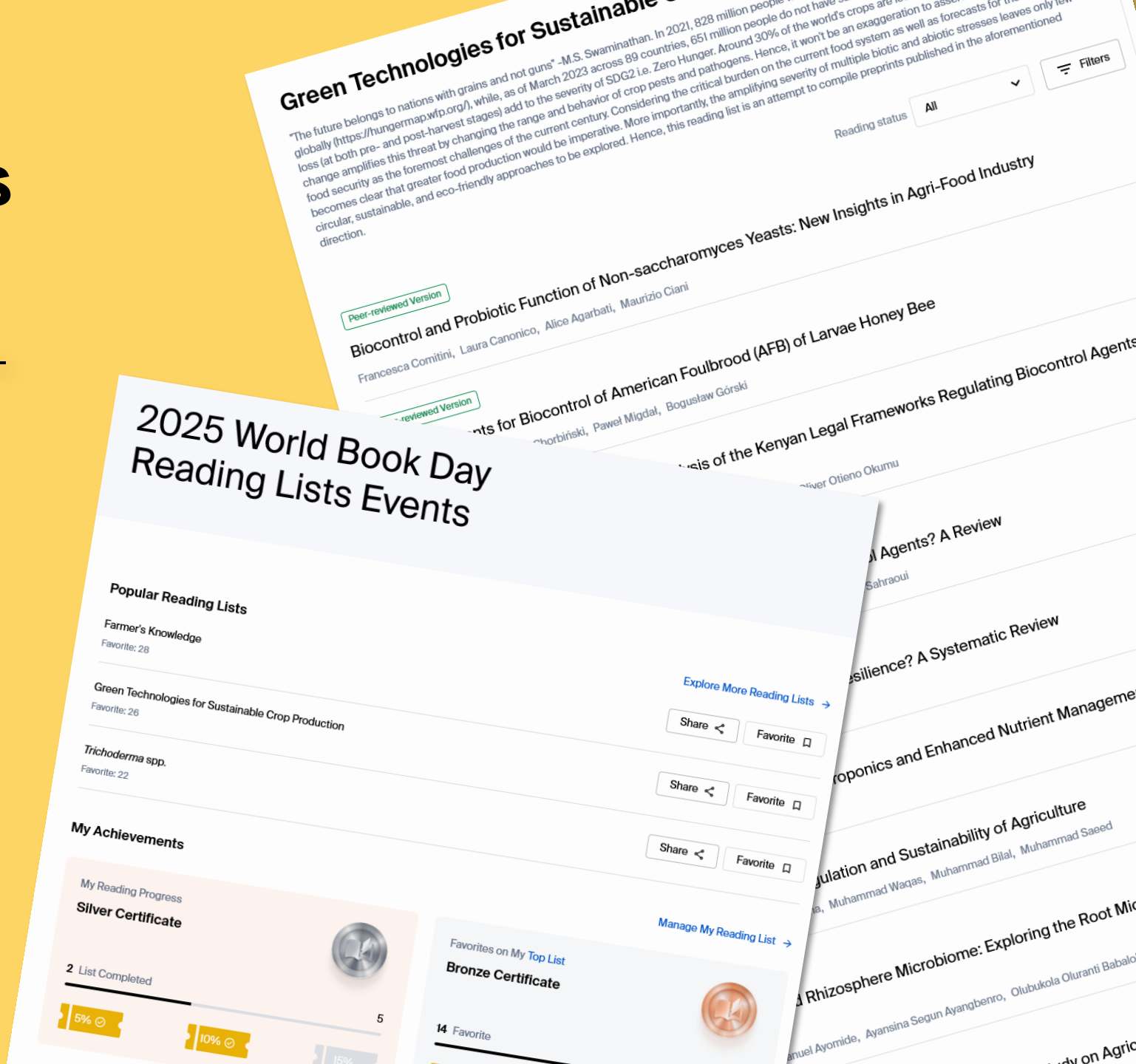
Reading Lists Created

2,689

Page Views

278

Favorites from the Community



# Events & Initiatives

## Researcher Voices Series

The Researcher Voices series highlights researchers' motivations, challenges, and experiences with preprints, bringing more perspectives into the conversation and strengthening the community around open research.

Through these initiatives, Preprints.org continues to create spaces where researchers can share ideas, exchange perspectives, and shape the future of open science together.



12 Nov 2025

Community Content

### Prof. Fahmi Decodes the Value of Preprints

How can preprints transform your research trajectory? For Prof. Fahmi, it began with a single upload—and led to a series



30 Jul 2025

Community Content

### Advancing Open Science: An Interview with Prof. Youhe Gao

Research is moving faster than ever, and advancing open science is a critical part of this. As is the need



17 Sep 2025

Community Content

### A Conversation with Prof. Dr. Giustino Varrassi

"Every Researcher Should Try Preprints." -Prof. Dr. Giustino Varrassi To showcase how leading researchers are engaging with open science, we



01 Oct 2025

Community Content

### From Tradition to Preprints: An Interview with Dr. Jonathan H. Westover

Research is most valuable when it is shared, and preprints make that possible without delay. They allow researchers to circulate



15 Oct 2025

Community Content

### A Conversation with Prof. Abhinandan R. Patil

In this article, we share our conversation with Prof. Abhinandan R. Patil and his views on the ever-growing world of preprints.

# Looking Ahead, Together

As Preprints.org approaches its 10th anniversary, we reflect on a journey that began with a simple belief: that research should be shared openly and reach the community quickly. From the very first preprint posted on the platform, that belief has guided our mission to support open science and the fast and wide dissemination of research.

This progress would not have been possible without our community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our editors, screeners, and advisory board members for their time, expertise, and dedication in supporting the responsible sharing of research.

We are equally grateful to the researchers who trust Preprints.org and choose to share their work with the community. Without you, Preprints.org would remain only an idea.

**The next decade of Preprints.org begins with the same belief that started it all: knowledge grows when it is shared openly.**

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