JUFO in an international context

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Indicator-based funding and research evaluation

(See page 13 in the evaluation report)

REF in the UK is a research evaluation system influencing institutional funding (summative evaluation)

Most other countries separate like Finland does:

- **Formative** institutional evaluations (self-organized or centrally required/supported)
- **Summative** indicator-based funding systems
Effects of indicator-based funding systems

- **Weak** economic influence:
  - Transparency of funding criteria
  - Focus on core tasks and strategic aims
  - Information for strategic development

- **Heavy** economic influence:
  - Focus on optimizing scores of indicators
  - Change of behaviors
  - Power games and lobbying
Main characteristics of the Nordic model

- **Community-curated** evaluation of publication channels
  - Empowering the academic communities in evaluating an important infrastructure in research
  - In other countries, this power remains with the publishing business and indicator-based rankings (e.g. the Journal Impact Factor)

- **Independence** of commercial databases
  - Other countries automatically rank journals in WoS or Scopus higher

- **Balanced representation** of areas of research, language use, etc. (China, Latin-America)

- **Multiple use** of the information for other local and national purposes
New functions of community-curated publication forums in relation to Open Access

- **Promoting** Open Access by:
  - Informing about OA channels
  - Giving them more weight
  - Including new OA channels immediately

- OA is already here. **Guiding** further OA development by:
  - Quality assurance of journals with author payment (APC)
New challenges for JUFO related to Open Access

- Mega journals and publication platforms

- Journals are seldom predatory, often borderline
Nordic collaboration

- Can be even more important now:
  - OA is already here with new challenges
  - Sharing of tasks can increase efficiency
  - Comparisons can increase quality

- Not only DK, SF and NO: Sweden is interested