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Shaping the Future: CRKN's Evolving Open Access Strategy

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Session Schedule

- Introduction
 - Review of CRKN's Open Access Strategy
 - Overview of the Results from CRKN-Negotiated Read and Publish Agreements
- CRKN-Érudit Partnership for Open Access
 - Q&A
- Breakout Discussion
- Wrap Up

CRKN's Open Access Strategy

Multiple pathways to OA:

- Read and Publish Agreements + APC Discounts
- OA Partnerships (Coalition Publica, SCOAP³, PLOS, MIT Press D2O)
- Supporting OA infrastructure (SCOSS, PIDs: ORCID-CA and Datacite Canada, Canadiana)



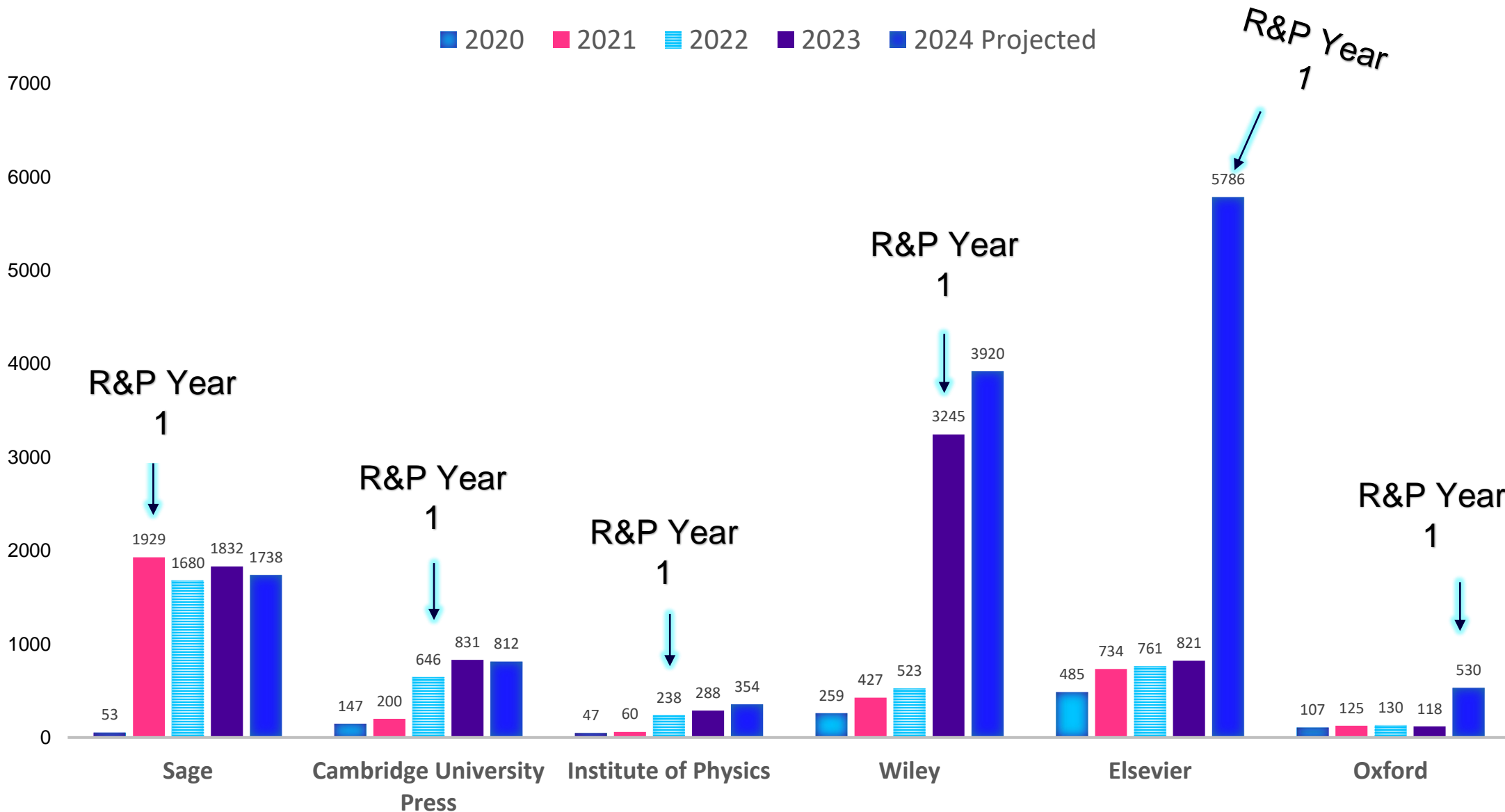
CRKN's Open Access Strategy



Principles:

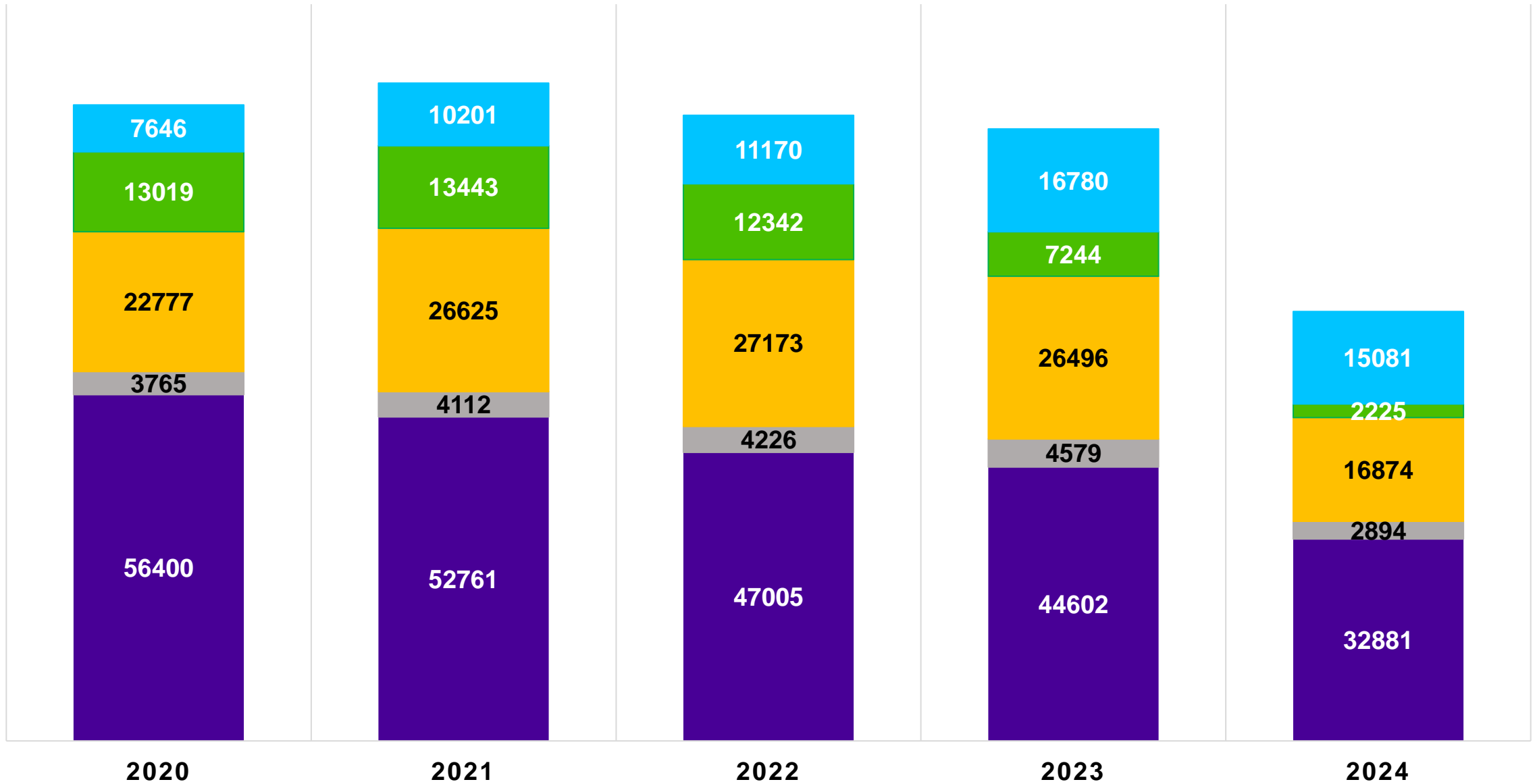
- CRKN's Licensing Principles
- Cost neutrality
- No publication limits

CRKN OA Articles in R&P Agreements

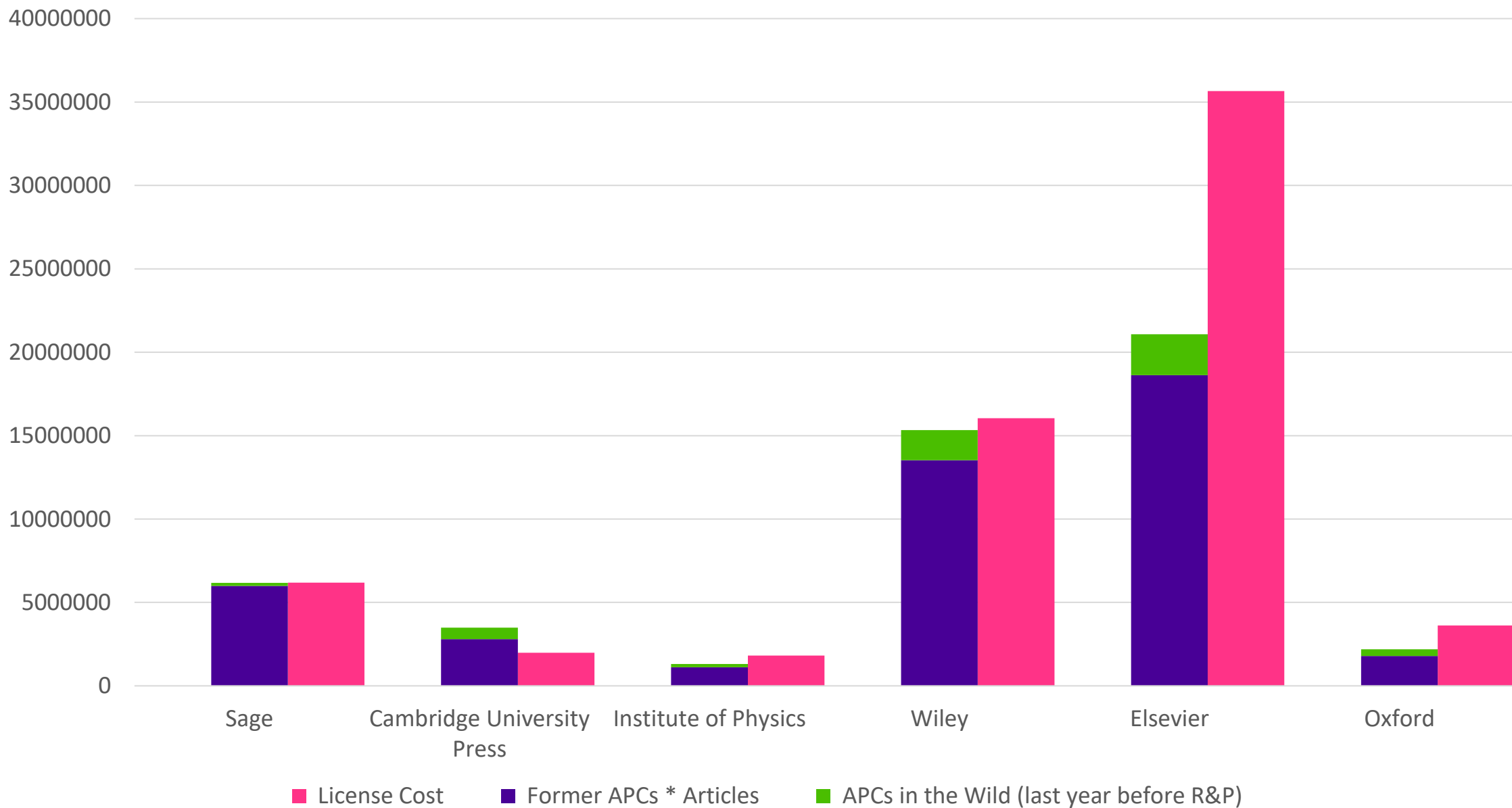


CRKN ARTICLE OUTPUT

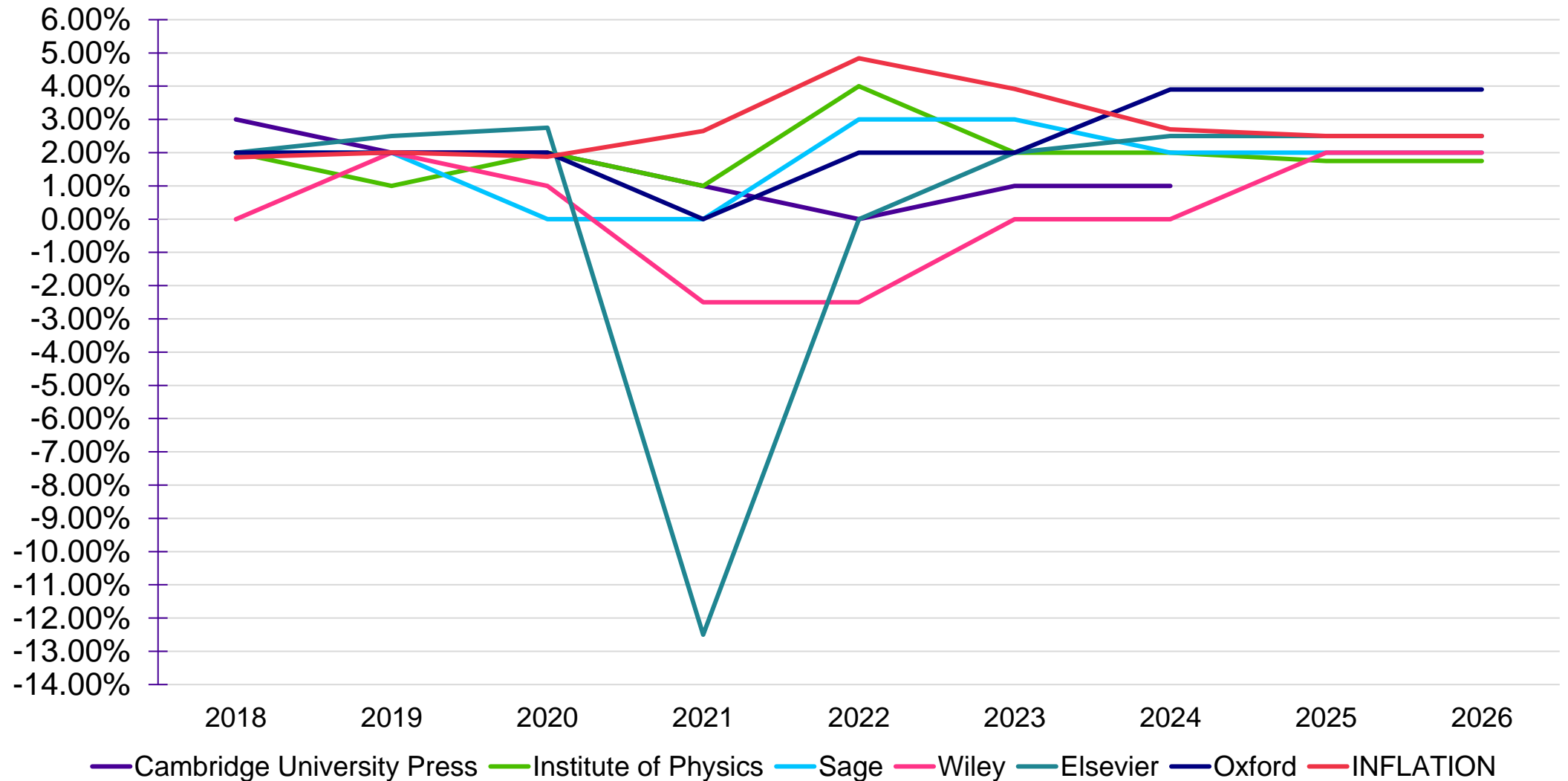
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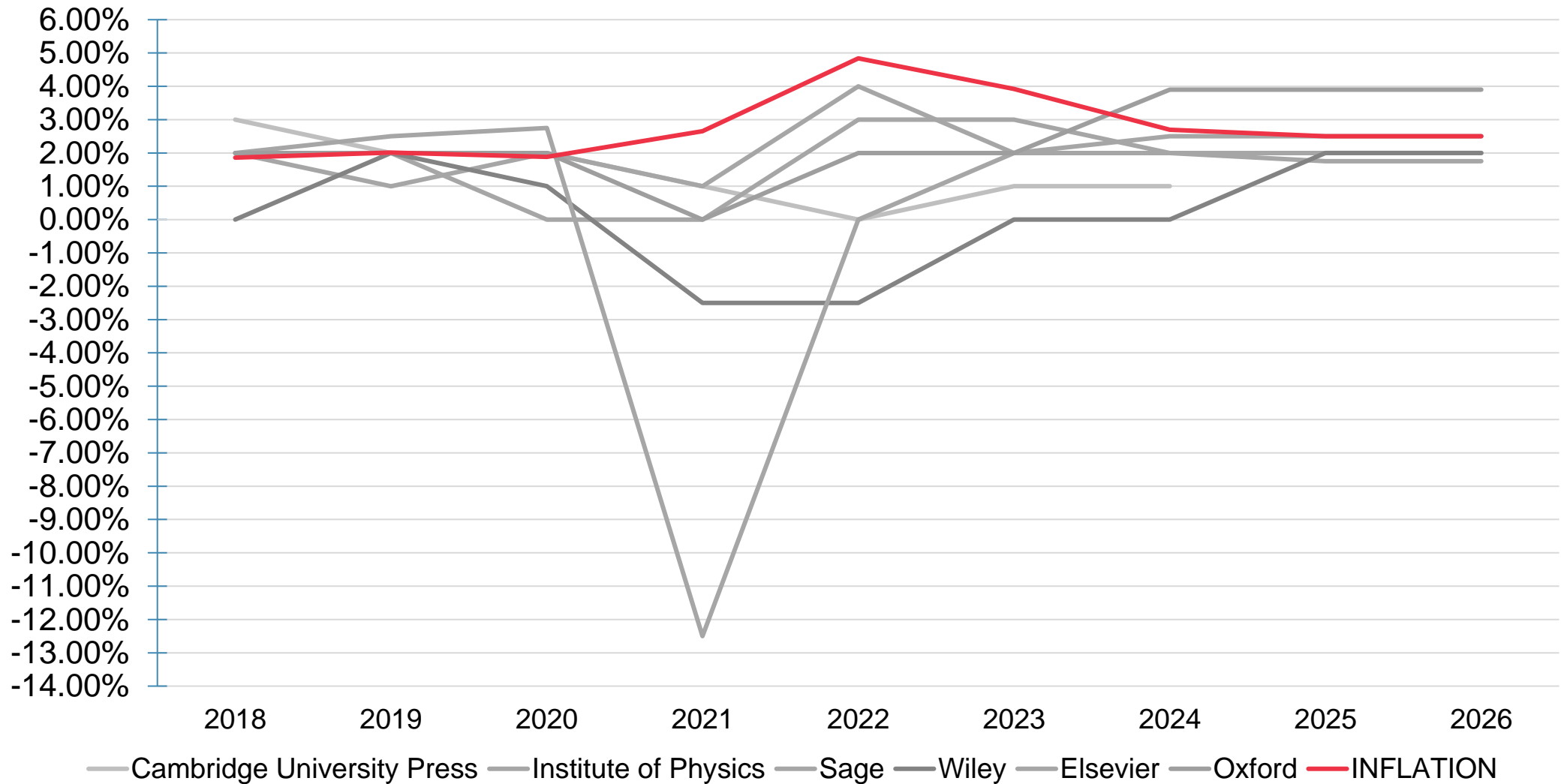
APC Elimination & Cost-Avoidance



Cost Containment 2018-2026



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Read & Publish Agreements

PROS	CONS
✓ Significant increase of Canadian research published open access → increased global readership and citations?	❖ APC cost-avoidance does not result in direct savings for library budgets
✓ Increase to involvement of library in scholarly communications workflow	❖ Continuation of “Big Deal” → contributing to ongoing oligopoly of commercial publishers
✓ Elimination of hybrid (and sometimes Gold) APCs “in the wild”	❖ Lack of recognition from university administration of the role libraries have played in increasing OA
✓ Costs contained at level of subscription agreements	❖ Lack of funds for increasing support for diamond open access

Crossroads...



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Partnership for Open Access

Origins of the Partnership for Open Access

- Érudit launched in 1998
- Goal: to provide a platform to support and increase visibility of Quebec journals
- Originally part of the Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, joined in 2006 by Université du Québec à Montréal and Université Laval
- 2008-2014: traditional vendor/consortium model
- 2014-Present: Partnership agreement to support all content (100%)
- 2024: Hosts 243 SSH scholarly journals (162 immediate OA / 81 delayed OA)

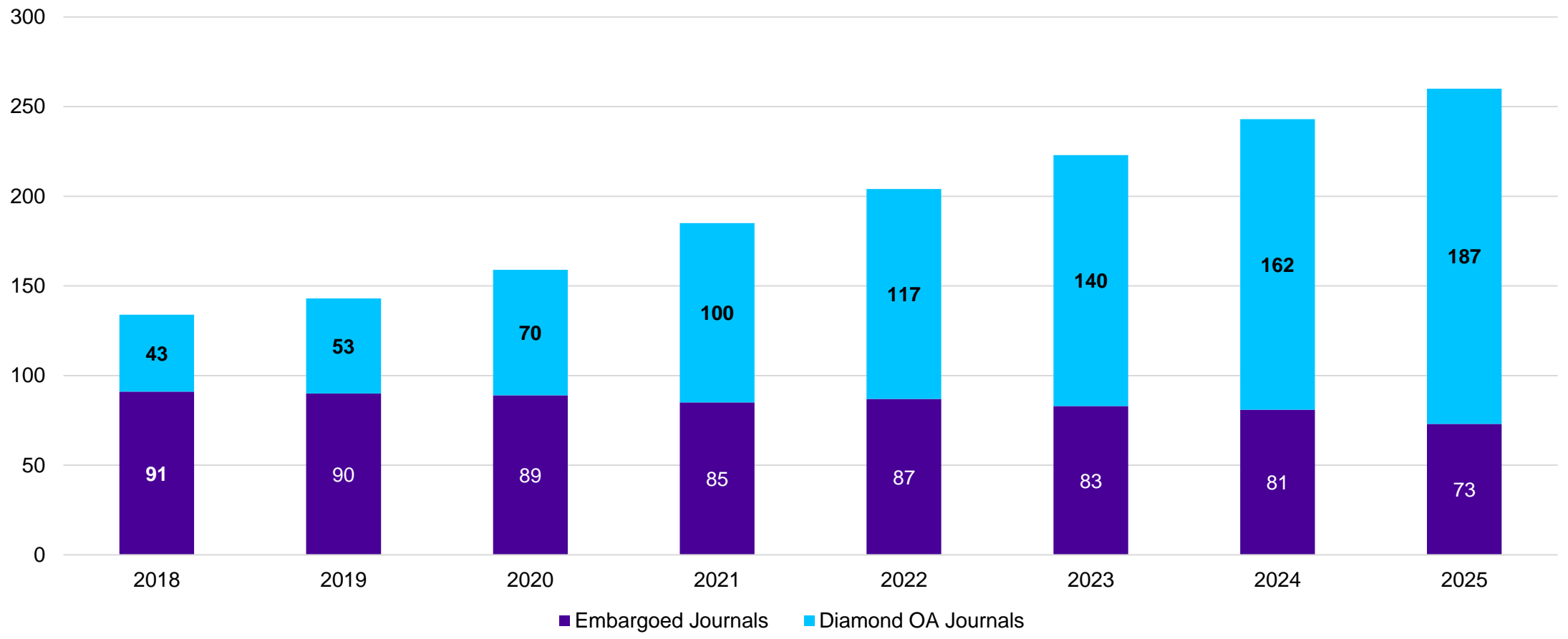
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Our Partnership...

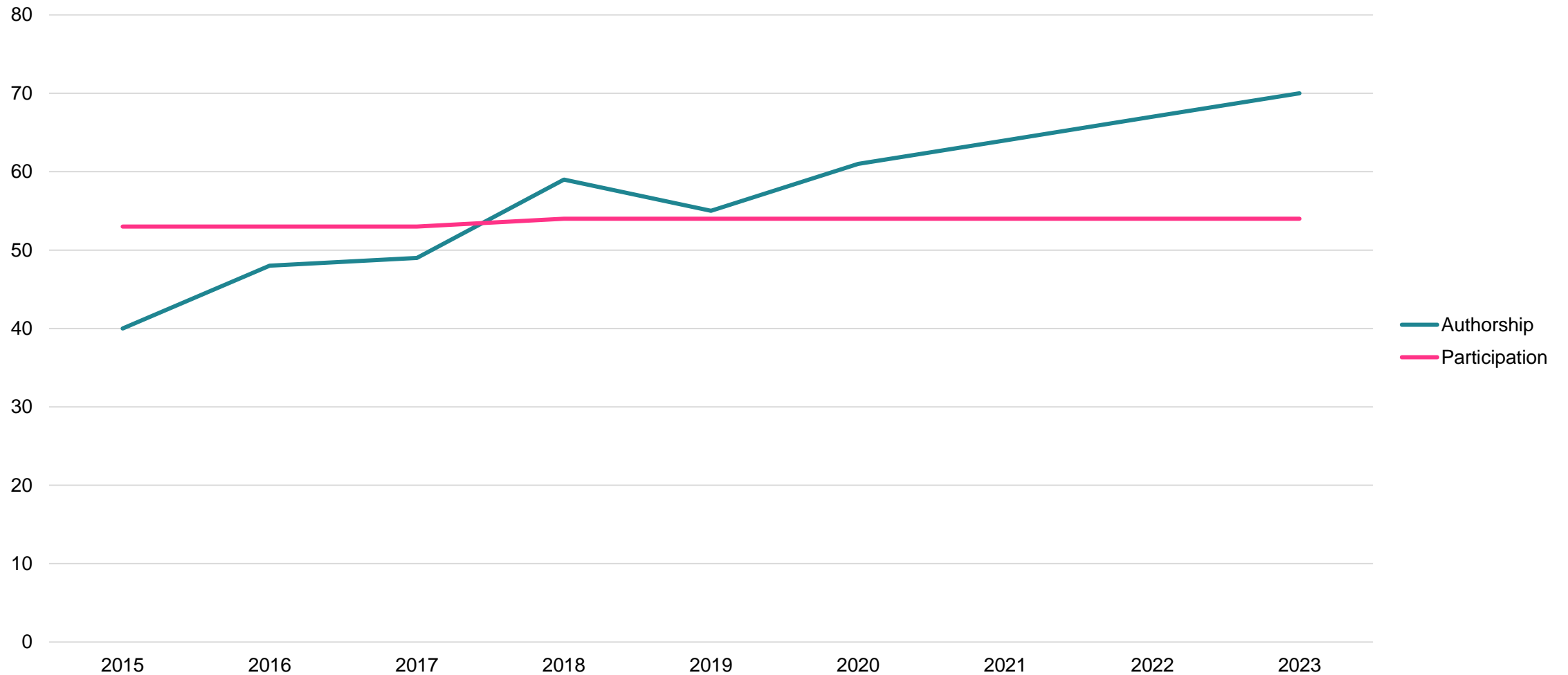
- ✓ engages libraries, journals and infrastructure providers in a collaboration to realize an equitable, non-commercial, and robust Canadian OA publishing system.
- ✓ is a driver of OA expansion in Canada with proven success while still seeking long-term stability.
- ✓ is a vehicle for non-commercial journals, libraries and infrastructure providers to advocate for increased and sustainable funding for open access in Canada.
- ✓ is working towards full Diamond Open Access, a destination in the transformation of scholarly communication, where non-commercial OA journals are adequately supported by funders, libraries, institutions, and their communities.

Increasing OA

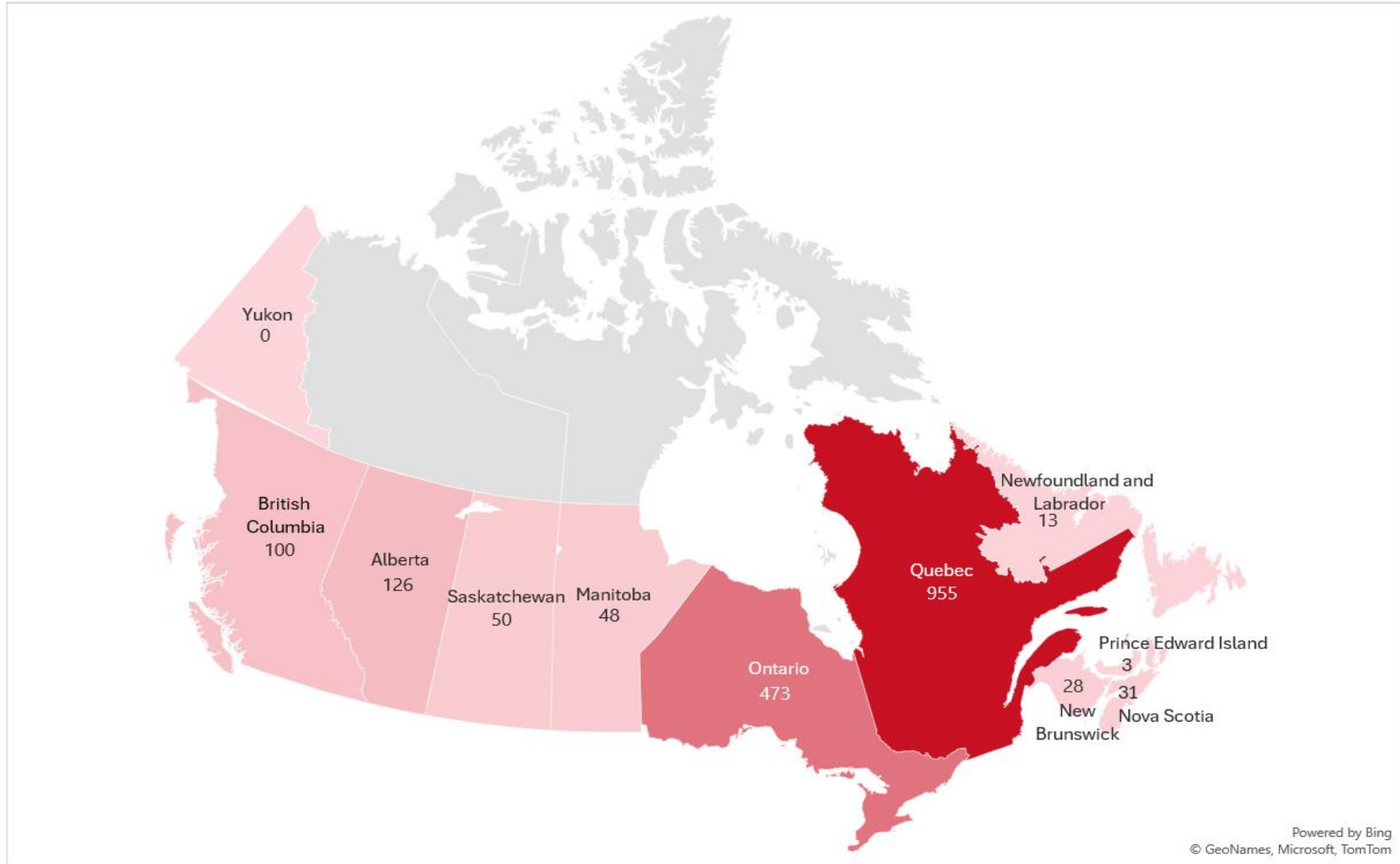


Authorship across CRKN member institutions

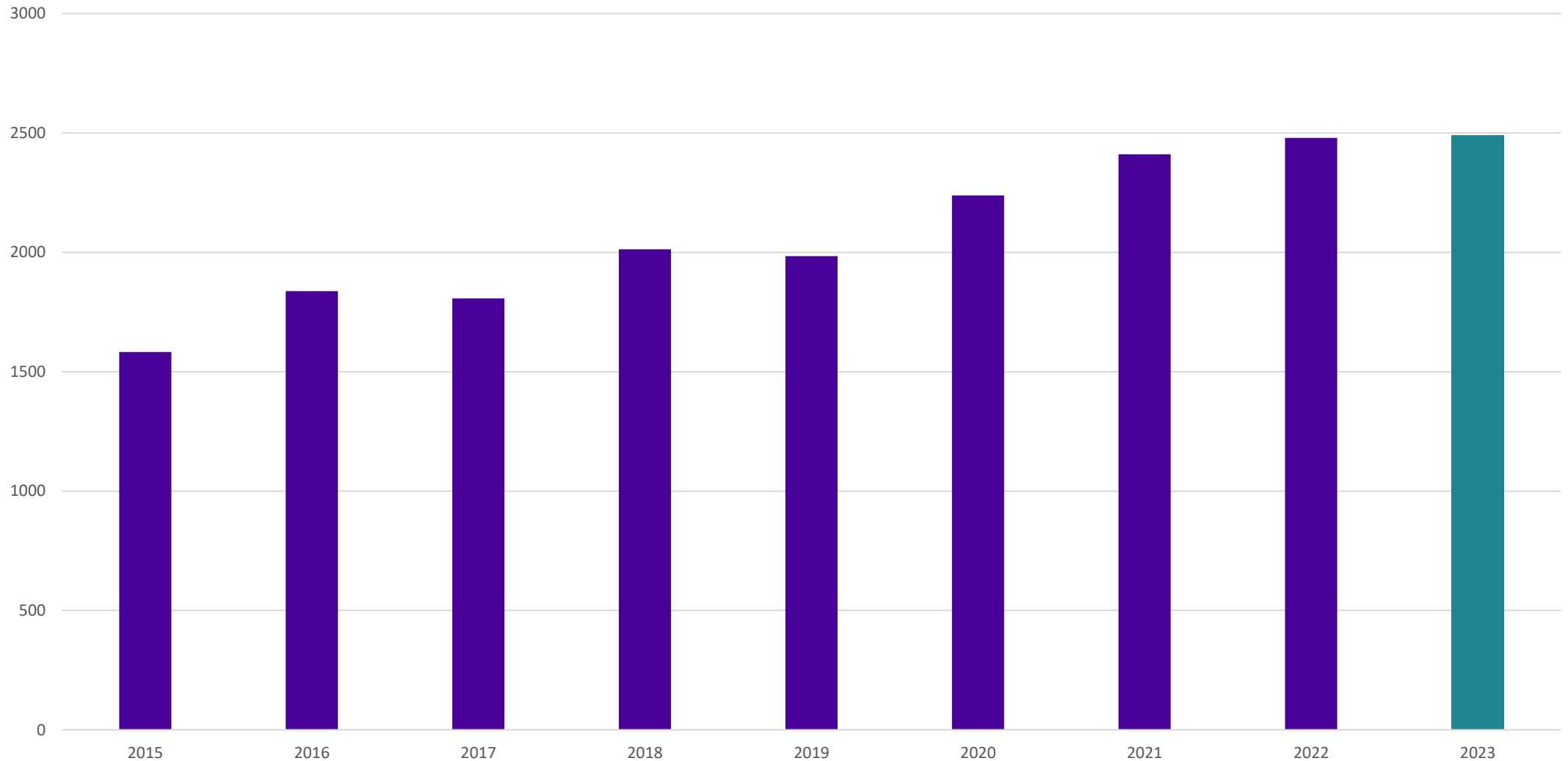
Total number of CRKN members with an author of at least 1 OA article



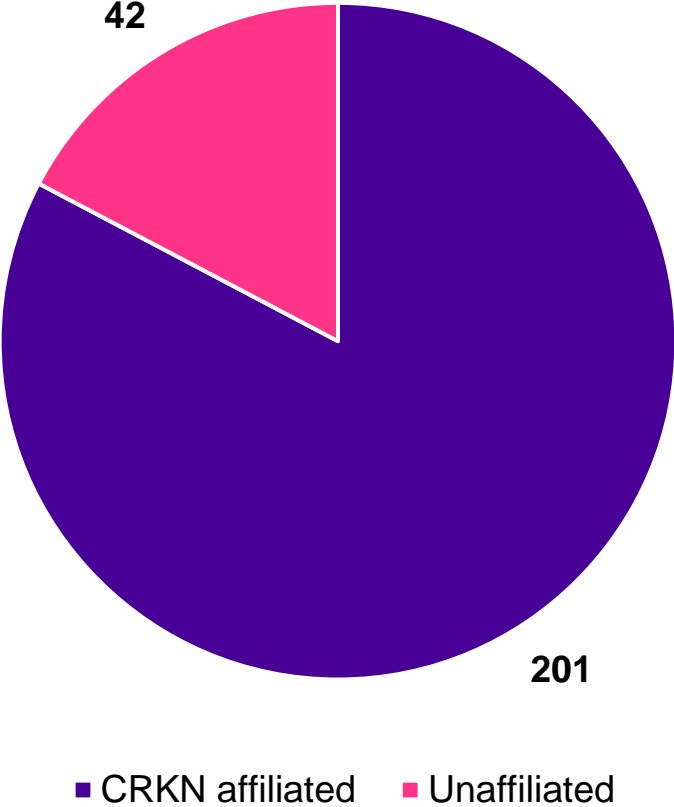
2022 OA CRKN authors by province



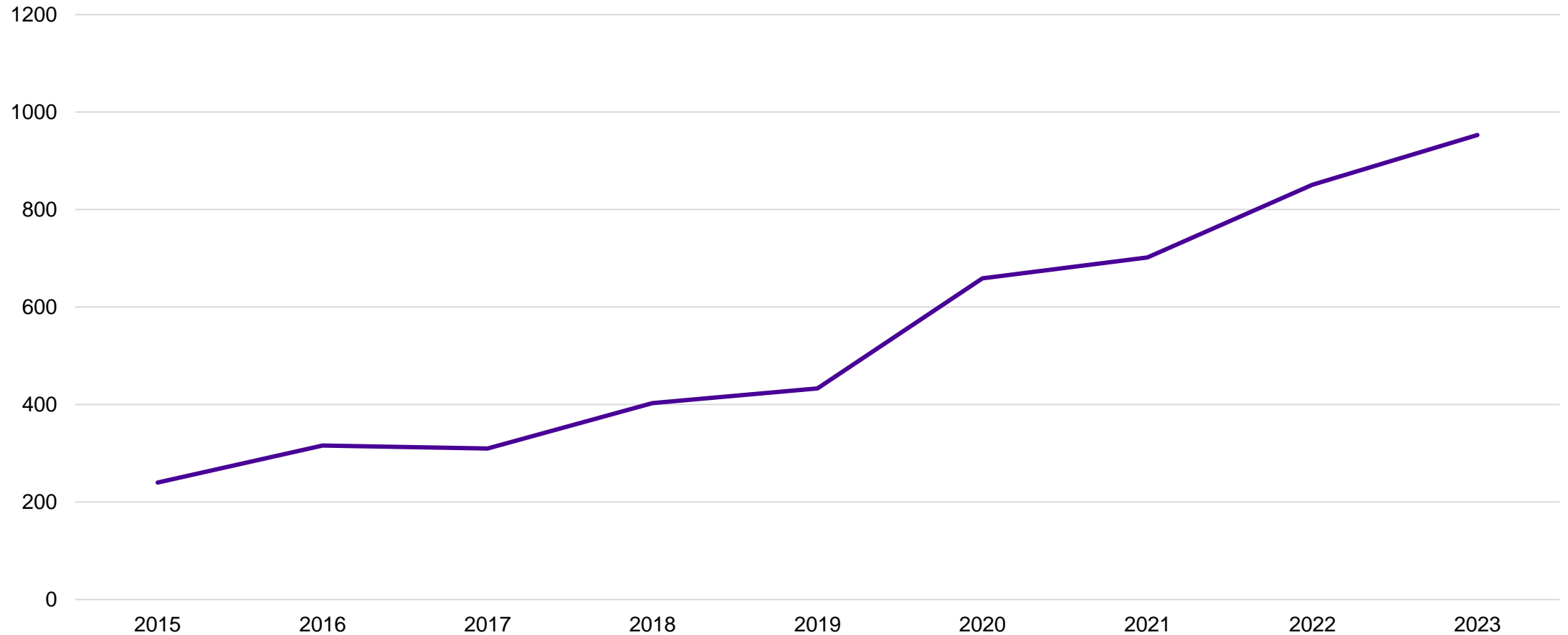
CRKN-affiliated authors publishing through the POA



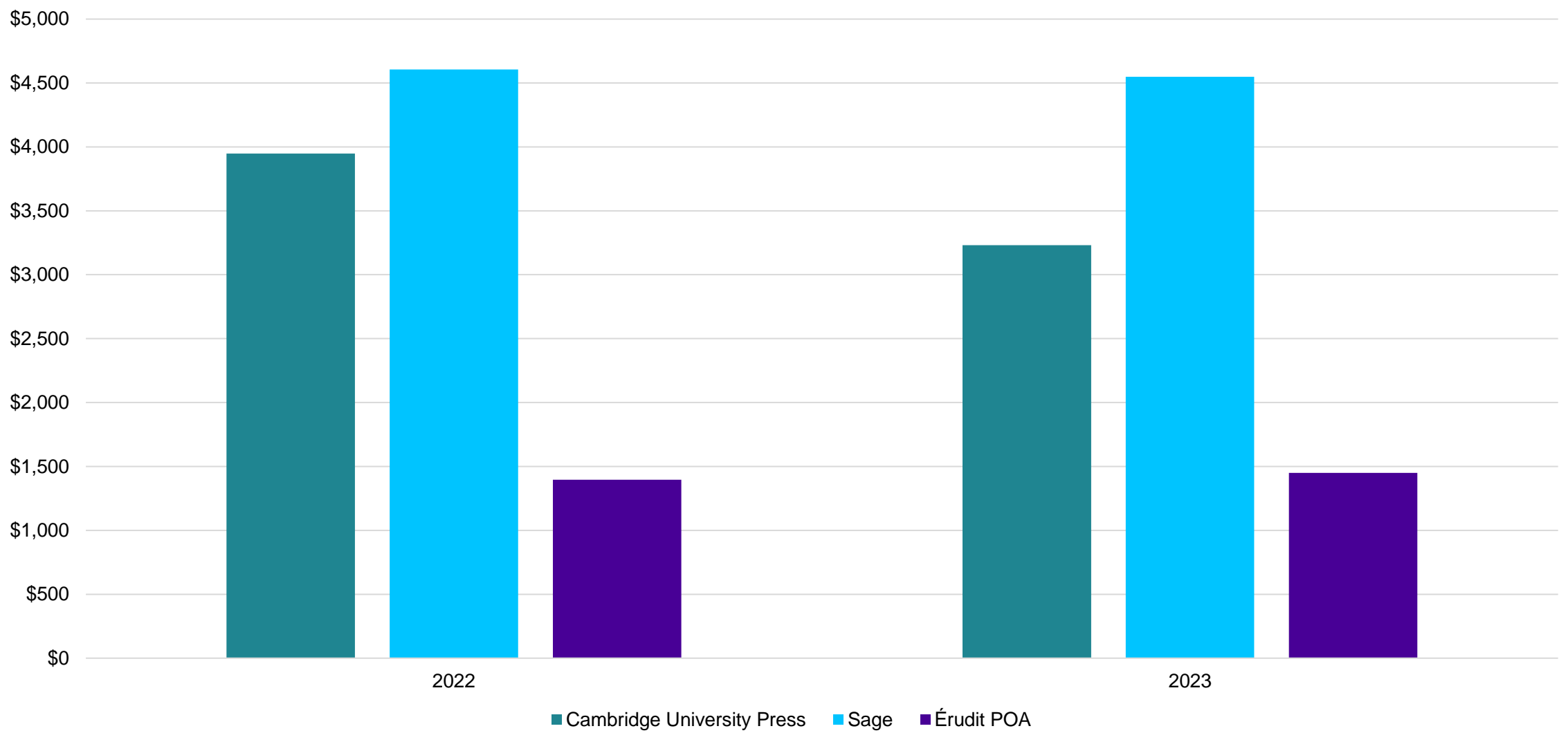
Journals hosted by/affiliated at CRKN member institutions



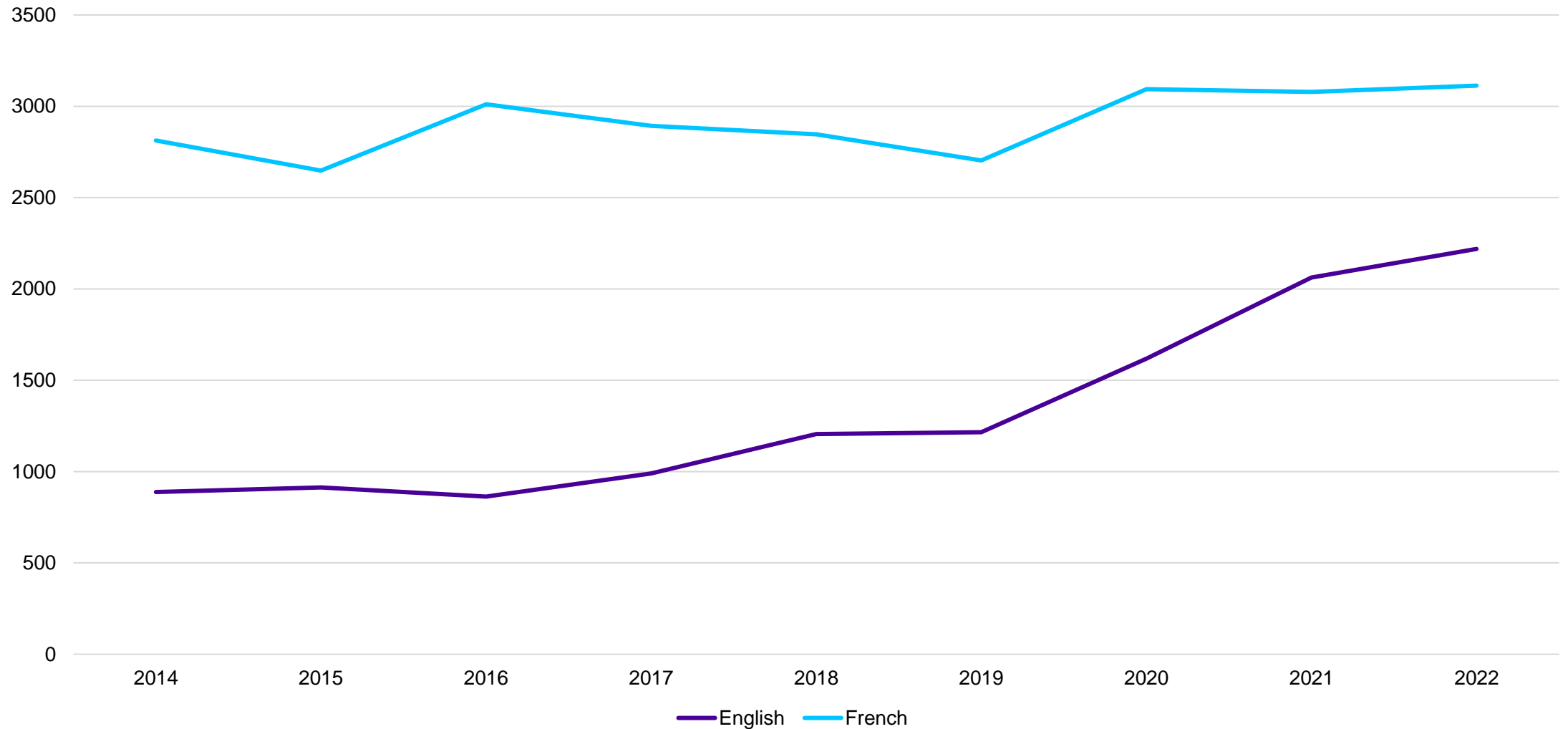
Number of immediate OA articles in POA by CRKN-affiliated first authors



Cost per OA article (CAD)



Article language by volume year





Strengthening our Partnership

Strategic importance of Partnership



Support the Canadian scholarly publishing ecosystem



Advance OA in Canada



Collaboration: libraries, researchers, journals



Non-commercial

Future Journal Revenue Model



All journals receive a base amount



Additional revenue based on:

Consultations (incentivize OA)

Peer-reviewed articles

Other articles



To be implemented with increased investment to maximize OA

Proposal for Maximizing OA Sustainably



	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Annual total	\$1,545,245	\$1,702,030	\$1,864,469	\$2,964,959	\$3,205,913	\$3,455,320
Increase (\$)		\$156,785	\$162,439	\$1,100,490	\$240,954	\$249,406

Dream Scenario: Funding support from across the research ecosystem

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Annual total (all contributors including funders)	\$1,545,245	\$3,702,030	\$6,337,381	\$9,524,843	\$13,340,651	\$17,872,213

Transforming Voluntary Contributions

Open Access Acceleration Fund

- Tied to new POA recognition levels
 - Champions - participation at band + acceleration contribution
 - Partners - participation at band
 - Allies - acceleration contribution
- Contributions to the OA Acceleration Fund go directly and exclusively to OA journals

Questions

Breakout discussion

- CRKN has been pursuing multiple pathways to OA in the past five years. Given the discussion today, do members want CRKN to continue pursuing multiple pathways, or to narrow our objectives to a few key initiatives, or to a specific type of OA?
- Are members prepared to increase financial support for the Érudit POA to ensure a sustainable OA solution for Canadian SSH publishing?
- What resources can CRKN provide to help members support the Partnership for Open Access?

Report back

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