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WE MUST DO THE PUBLISHING OURSELVES

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NIH Director [Harold E Varmus](#) 1999

If we follow this course and demonstrate our commitment to free and unrestricted access to scientific literature, more journals are likely to adopt the policies we advocate. However, the resistance this initiative has met from most of the scientific publishers has made it clear that if we really want to change the publication of scientific research, we must do the publishing ourselves. It is now time for us to work together to create the journals we have called for. We believe that it is now both necessary and financially feasible for scientists to create a mechanism for publishing their work - with responsible, efficient peer review and the highest editorial standards - while allowing free and unrestricted online distribution from the moment of publication. We intend to establish a non-profit scientific publisher under the banner of the Public Library of Science, operated by scientists, for the benefit of science and the public. We are beginning to assemble an editorial board of outstanding scientists from around the world who share this vision. We are already raising the necessary funds to cover the startup and initial operating costs. With your participation, vision and energy we can establish a new model for scientific publishing. Please join us in this effort. A complete description of our plans for PLoS journals, and information on how you can participate in making them a reality, is available at our website: <http://www.publiclibraryofscience.org>.

reading some documents from NIH Director Harold Varmus' 1999 push for PubMed Central and what became PLoS, and it has such good energy, but you can tell how the naiveté of scientists thinking about what's good for science gets us crushed by corporations working to preserve profit
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