

## Couperin in numbers

- Couperin unites **more than 200 members** (PRES - higher education and research centers, universities, 'grandes écoles', research institutions and other organizations).
- Couperin relies on **60 volunteer negotiators** coming from the member institutions.
- Couperin negotiates prices and terms for over **100 electronic resources**, on average, per year, which will produce about **2,000 contracts**.
- Couperin coordinates, more than **15 group orders** with research institutions, per year.
- Couperin contacts, on average, **150 vendors** per year.
- Couperin maintains **2 Internet sites** and numerous **working groups** for study and forecasting.

## Some key dates

**1999** : Creation of the Couperin consortium, under French law (loi 1901) by four founding French universities. First contract with a publisher.

**2001** : More than 100 academic institutions are part of Couperin including Public Scientific and Technical Research Establishments.

**2005** : The first nationwide group order is organized, including CNRS, INSERM and Couperin, as well as others.

**2008** : Creation of the website [couperin.org](http://couperin.org)/ [archivesouvertes/](http://archivesouvertes/) and of the e-Book division.

**2009** : Hosting of the 11<sup>th</sup> Fall Meeting of ICOLC (International Coalition of Library Consortia) in Paris, in October.

Transforming technical and scientific information for the common good of the **scientific community**

**Scientific information and publication designed for research, higher education and democracy:**

1. Scientific and technological information and documentation, like other tools, are at the very core of the research, teaching and learning processes.
2. Academic and research institutions have undertaken to promote a common policy for acquisitions and delivery of online resources of scientific and technological information.
3. Couperin recognizes the positive and decisive role always played by scientific publishers, but refuses to obey the dictating forces of certain international groups with monopolistic goals.
4. Couperin is committed, together with other key international players, to promote free, alternative scientific publishing.
5. Finally, Couperin participates in the development of the national preservation of data and resources with other national and international agents.

# couperin.org

Consortium Universitaire de Publications Numériques

**An academic consortium  
of digital publications**

**A network of online  
resource sharing optimizing  
negotiation and expertise**

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negotiations databases NETWORK higher education e-journals PROMOTION information resources government agencies (EPIC) SHARING grandes écoles ACQUISITION scientific & technological information DIGITAL research institutions negotiations e-books expertise UNIVERSITIES network public scientific & technical research establishments RESEARCH

## The strengths of a **network**

Couperin is the **number one European consortium** in terms of membership and negotiations. It is one of the world's largest consortia.

- Couperin **gathers** and **analyzes** the **information needs** of its members.
- Couperin **evaluates, negotiates** and **organizes** the **purchase** of electronic resources for the benefit of its members.
- Couperin constructs and develops a **nationwide network** of **expertise** and **interaction** for the acquisition and promotion of electronic resources.
- Couperin, a member of the ICOLC (International Coalition of Library Consortia) since its origin, contributes to **national, European** and **international collaboration** in the areas of information and electronic publishing.

## A key player **that**

- **Analyses** members' **needs**.
- **Evaluates, negotiates** and **organizes acquisitions of digital resources** with the best possible terms.
- **Pools** available skills, human and financial resources and shares expertise.
- Participates in the **archiving** and **perpetual access** of digital resources acquired by the different academic institutions.
- Collaborates actively towards the improvement of **scientific communication** through the development of **open archives**.
- Promotes an **acquisition policy for a national license agreement** to guarantee equal access to scientific and technological information for the scientific community.

## A representative **who**

- Works for **open access** to publications presenting the results of research paid with public funds.
- Demands the adoption of fiscal measures which facilitate **the switch to e-only by reducing online VAT** to equal that of printed materials.

## The organization

### Governing Board

#### President

Policy decisions

### Executive Board

#### Coordinator

Project definition and monitoring

### Coordination and Negotiation Department

General coordination of negotiations with publishers in collaboration with the research institutions and the subject divisions

### Studies and Forecasting Department

Evaluation, expertise and information watch in the fields of technical and scientific information Communication

### Divisions

**GCO** - Large Accounts

**LSH** - Literature & the Humanities

**SEG** - Management & Economics

**SJP** - Law & politics

**STP** - Science, Technology & Multidisciplinary

**SVS** - Health & Life Sciences

### Working groups & watch groups

#### Working groups:

GTERMS  
Electronic resource management system

CeB  
E-Book division

#### Watch groups:

Open archives and open access

Remote access