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Researchers: a confusing situation due to multi-affiliations status; uncomfortable feeling with the signature that should be technical and not personal; affiliations reflect multiple socialities.

Scholarly communication specialists: job profile moving to “data scientist” (from library to bibliometrics); necessity to collaborate with publishers (Elsevier) despite disagreement upon Open Access.

Publishers: selling products in a more competitive landscape in the frame of public procurements.

High-level managers: key issues at stake like increasing visibility, reliability of benchmarkings and better self-understanding.

Unexpected effect: Analyses reveal that, despite Civil engineering being the main activity of the institution, it is not the most important domain where researchers publish their work in. It has consequences on its position in international rankings.

Perspectives: Work in progress…

Recommendations and efforts are quite ineffective. Is it specific to the French case?