Message Structure Changes
Confirmation of iteration 2023/#3

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How to read this document:

Per topic:

• Indicated with a green arrow ——— what was already in place
• Indicated with a red arrow ——— what is added/changed as part of this iteration

Note: An updated overview of all current data fields with definitions (and indication if they are mandatory) is available from our repository: https://bitbucket.org/oaswitchboard/api/src/master/messages/
Approval of ‘Charges’

Within ‘charges‘:

New element approval, most logical in case of PA, but optional in NPA. This could be extended with other fields in the future.

**Existing field(s):**

**transaction.date**, defined as date of the transaction (in case of a financial, article-level transaction, in both PA & NPA scenario)

**New field(s):**

**approval.date**, defined as the date the client agreed this article was ‘charged’ to them

**approval.comment**, to be used for additional (free text) information, e.g. how, who

```
“transaction”: {
    “status”: “finished”,
    “date”: “YYYY-MM-DD”.
    “invoicenr”: “xxxx”
}
```

```
“approval” : {
    “date” : “YYYY-MM-DD”,
    “comment” : “lorem ipsum”
}
```
Publication Funders

“charges”: {
    “charged”: true,

    “publicationfunders”: [{
        “name”: “Institution X”,
        “ror”: “https://ror.org/999999”,
        “comment”: “lorem ipsum”
    }]
}

Within ‘charges’:

New element publicationfunders

New fields:
publicationfunders.name, defined as the entity who picked up the charges
publicationfunders.ror, defined as the ROR of this entity
publicationfunders.comment

Note: charges section will be stripped for a P1-PIO

Note: publicationfunders can be repeated (if there is more than one publication funder for the one article, e.g. in case of split/shared charges)
Startdate article-level license

“vor”: {
    "publication": "Hybrid journal",
    "license": "CC BY",
    "startdate": "YYYY-MM-DD"
}

Within ‘vor’:

New field: **vor.startdate**, defined as the date the article-level license goes into effect
Journal level comment

New field: **journal.typecomment**, defined as a journal-level specific piece of information from the publisher. This is a free text field to allow for journal level comment such as Diamond, S2O, society, partner journal, etc.

Note: Via the NISO Working Group we expect more discussion and standardization on how to treat non-APC based models such as ‘diamond’. Having this field as free text field is therefore acceptable now, but may change later.

Other examples:

- “publication”: “pure OA journal”
  “typecomment”: “Diamond”

- “publication”: “hybrid”
  “typecomment”: “society journal”
Funders and grants

"funders": [{
  "name": "Aragorn Foundation",
  "ror": "https://ror.org/999999",
  "fundref": "xxxxxxxxxx"
},
{
  "name": "Middle-Earth Thinktank",
  "ror": "https://ror.org/888888"
}],

"acknowledgement": "This work has been funded by the US Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research program under award no. DE-SC001.......",

"grants": [{
  "name": "Generous grant",
  "id": "GD-000-001",
  "doi": "https://doi.org/10.37717/220020589"
}],

Within ‘article’:

Existing field(s):

funders.fundref = alternative identifier, supported since V2

acknowledgement, defined as funding/attribution statement (e.g. the full text of the acknowledgement section), as (to be) printed in the VoR’

Within ‘grants’:

New field:

grants.doi, defined as the DOI for a grant
Name vs Source Affiliation

Within ‘institutions’:

Keep all info from the source.

Existing field:
- institutions.name, defined as ‘name of the institution’ (=standardized naming convention as per ROR registry)

Existing field:
- affiliation, defined as affiliation(s) of author x (as to be printed in the VoR)

New field(s):
- institutions.sourceaffiliation, defined as full/all name information from the source (e.g. JATS XML)
- institutions.country, defined as the country of the institutions as derived from ror, in ISO code

Note: these (optional) fields not only in institution, but also for research funders
Within ‘authors’:

Deal with the fact that an author can fulfill a different role re. ‘correspondence’ at different stages of the editorial process. To get insight in this is relevant for deals, publication funders, research funder policies, editorial integrity, etc.

**Existing field(s):**
- `authors.listingorder`, defined as listing order at VOR publication
- `authors.isCorrespondingAuthor`, defined as corresponding author at VOR publication

**New field(s):**
- `authors.listingorderAtAcceptance`
- `authors.listingorderAtSubmission`
- `authors.isCorrespondingAuthorAtAcceptance`
- `authors.isCorrespondingAuthorAtSubmission`
Journal Identifiers

Within ‘journal’:

Separate out ISSN and eISSN (but always keep one of the two in the existing ID field as well, as this is the mandatory field

**Existing field:**

- `journal.id`, defined as ISSN of journal (can be ISSN or eISSN)

**New field(s):**

- `journal.issn`, defined as ISSN
- `journal.eissn`, defined as eISSN
Information on ‘when’ in workflow the P1-message is sent

The P1-message is the ‘Publication/Payment Settlement Notification’. See also Q19 in our FAQs.

It is currently also used by some publishers to send notifications at other than VoR stage (both before, and after).

It also seems desirable to send and receive update-messages sequentially. Especially when the crucial ‘charge-to) information is not available at VoR publication, but only some time later. But also during the editorial process, e.g. to confirm the corresponding author at acceptance.

While the P1-message structure as such lends itself for that purpose, it is not immediately clear if a P1-message is sent with values valid for the VoR, or not.

A new non-mandatory field has been introduced at the highest level, to provide information on ‘timing’ in the workflow that the P1-message is sent, with a pick-list of two options:
1. pre-VoR, defined as AO or SMUR or AM or P (as per NISO Jats JAV)
2. VoR, defined as VoR or CVoR or EVoR (as per NISO Jats JAV)

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Timing in the workflow that the P1-message is sent</td>
<td>Select from pick list P1.12.</td>
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Date fields usage:
only a request to be consistent (agree how to use this free text field)

```
"manuscript": {
    "dates": {
        "submission": "2023-01-20",
        "acceptance": "2023-02-05",
        "publication": "2023-03-21"
    }
}
```

**Preferred format**
YYYY-MM-DD or YYYYMMDD (ISO8601)

**Do not use**
DD-MM-YYYY
MM-DD-YYYY

Note: Ultimate aim is to use the ISO8601 standard, and not free text. We’ll do this when implementing more/other changes (as a result of the NISO Working Group), and not now (as we’re trying to avoid an API-update now).