

# The Leopoldina's Scientific Journals

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The Leopoldina publishes the series Nova Acta Leopoldina (NAL) and Acta Historica Leopoldina (AHL). The Nova Acta Leopoldina continues the tradition of the first medical-scientific journal of a scientific academy founded by the Breslau (Wrocław) physician Philipp Jakob Sachs of Lewenhaimb in 1670. Its extensive essays, complemented by elaborate diagrams, prints and tables, continued to set it apart from similar journals in later years. Today it covers all the specialist fields represented by the Leopoldina.

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With NAL-live, the Leopoldina continues the tradition of its scientific journals and is part of the Open Access initiatives of German science.

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## NAL-live

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# NAL-live

## Online Open Access Journal

The National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina continues the scientific journals of the Academy, the Nova Acta Leopoldina (NAL) and the Acta Historica Leopoldina (AHL), with new concepts. This includes a new scientific journal: NAL-live, an online open access journal for review style articles. The publication language is English.

## Living Documents

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Authors submit scientific articles with a focus on topics that – according to the National Academy's task – are of high social relevance across disciplines. In this way, the texts should also provide an information basis on the respective topic for those working in politics and the media.

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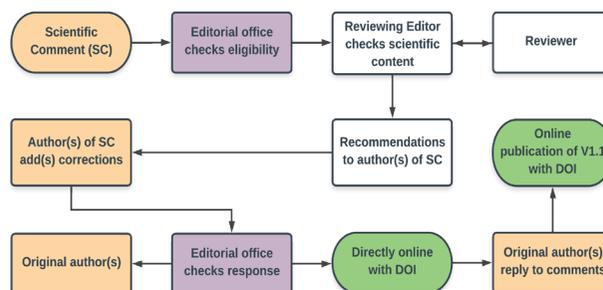


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## Editorial Board

Chief Editor ("Director Ephemeridum") of all journals of the Leopoldina is Prof. Dr. Diethard Tautz ML\*. Together with Co-Editors from all four of the Leopoldina's classes he forms the Editorial Board for NAL-live. Co-Editors are Prof. Dr. Gerd Leuchs ML (Class I: Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Engineering), Prof. Dr. Alfred Wittinghofer ML (Class II: Life Sciences), Prof. Dr. Ulf Eysel ML (Class III: Medicine) and Prof. Dr. Christine Windbichler ML (Class IV: Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences).

Section Editors represent the sections of the Leopoldina, Review Editors take over the review of the manuscripts.

## Suggested Topics and Articles

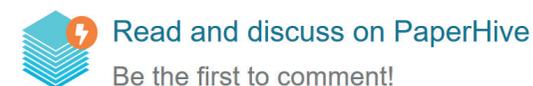
The members of the Editorial Board, the Section Editors and the Editorial Office of the Leopoldina accept suggestions for topics and manuscripts for publication in NAL-live.

In 2019, the Leopoldina has established the technical infrastructure for the online submission of manuscripts, the reviewing process and the editorial work. Manuscripts for NAL-live that comply with the guidelines for authors can be submitted directly online. Authors can register at [www.nal-live.org](http://www.nal-live.org) and upload their manuscripts in just a few steps. Once registered, they can follow the progress of their work via a dashboard.

## Publication and Discussion

The Editorial Office of the Leopoldina first checks each submission for compliance with the formal requirements before the relevant Section Editors initiate the peer review process. Once the peer review process has been successfully completed, the article receives a DOI and is published online.

The articles, as well as the comments and the versions, will initially be published in a preliminary online environment, accessible at [www.nal-live.org](http://www.nal-live.org). From the outset, they will receive their own DOIs and will be immediately available to qualified participants on the PaperHive.org platform for scientific discussion. Anyone with a scientific interest can register for discussion via ORCID® and add comments or additions directly to the article. Updated and newly edited versions are also published here.



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