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The global event took place at Hamad bin Khalifa University Student Center and saw representatives from Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID), Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, and Arab Initiatives of Open Access (AIOA) outline the benefits of OA publishing and its potential expansion in the Middle East.

As a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation supports QF's mission to build the nation's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences.

Representatives from QScience.com addressed the possibility of providing more open access repositories as well as free, unrestricted online access to peer-reviewed research for regional authors and researchers.

Participants were also given the opportunity to show manuscripts and seek guidance from the QScience.com editorial team on the peer review, revision, acceptance and publication process.

Commenting on the event, Director of Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Arend Küster said: "In support of QF's strategic goals, Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation aims to connect research from Qatar with the broader international community. Technology is driving huge changes in publishing and the industry is moving away from the traditional print paradigm. We serve researchers and authors so, as the future is open access, we are making the most of the new opportunities."

Dr Alwaleed Alkhaja, Commissioning Editor at QScience.com, added: "Qatar and the Arab world, have witnessed various open access initiatives alongside investment in research and development. New technology is definitely changing the landscape of open access."

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About Bloomsbury Publishing Plc

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Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organisation that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential, for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world. Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercializing solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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