



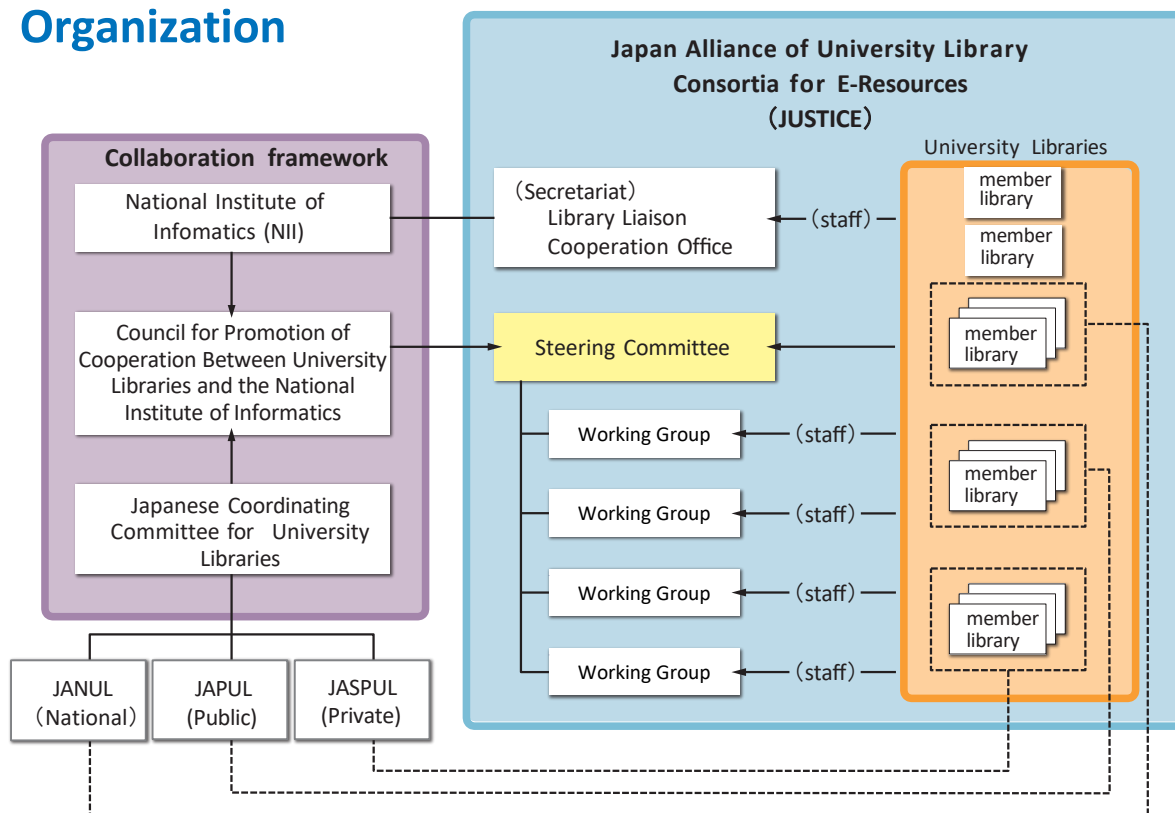
Japan Alliance of University Library Consortia for E-Resources (JUSTICE) promotes many activities for providing stably and continuously academic information, including e-journal that is essential for education and research activities of the university in Japan.

What is JUSTICE ?

1. Mission

JUSTICE contributes to the enhancement of Japan's academic information infrastructure through the license arrangements, management, provision, and long-term preservation of e-resources as well as through the development of human resources.

2. Organization



The General Meeting is an opportunity to reflect the views and opinions of all the member libraries directly.

The Steering Committee assumes the role of formulating basic policies for the operation of JUSTICE. Members of the Steering Committee are appointed by Council for Promotion of Cooperation Between University Libraries and the National Institute of Informatics then approved by the General Meeting. The Chair of the Steering Committee is elected by the committee members and serves as the representative of JUSTICE.

Working Groups play the central role in executing specific activities such as negotiation with publishers, various surveys, and public relations, under the supervision of the Steering Committee. Staffs of member libraries serve on the Working Group.

The Secretariat is a team for executing the daily tasks required for pursuing the activities of JUSTICE. Library Liaison Cooperation Office has been established within the National Institute of Informatics (NII) and three full-time staff members serve as the Secretariat assigned from member libraries.

Activities of JUSTICE

3. JUSTICE is responsible for the following activities

1

Negotiation and finalization of terms and conditions with publishers regarding contract and use of e-resources

- ▶ JUSTICE undertakes negotiations with publishers as a consortium and a single contact point to win better conditions on price and use conditions than when negotiated by individual institutes.
- ▶ Proposals for contract conditions agreed with each publisher can be only shared for member libraries. JUSTICE holds an annual meeting where member library staffs can directly confirm their contract conditions with publishers.
- ▶ JUSTICE conducts an annual survey to verify the e-resources contract status of member libraries with the aim of contributing to the contract negotiation and model creation.

2

Enhancing collections of journal backfiles and other electronic resources

- ▶ JUSTICE, in collaboration with NII, builds contract models that allow member libraries to purchase e-journal backfiles and Humanities & Social Sciences Electronic Collection at low costs, and to access such contents through NII-REO.

3

Joint utilization of Electronic Resources Management System

- ▶ JUSTICE works in cooperation with NII to build a system with an aim to centralize and increase efficiency of e-resource management (bibliographic and contract information management) and to enhance user service.

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Long-term preservation and ensuring access of electronic resources

- ▶ CLOCKSS (Controlled Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) is a global project to build a globally distributed dark archive of electronic resources. JUSTICE participates in this project to maintain an environment ensuring access to electronic resources and sustain the activities of the global academic community.

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Fostering e-resource librarians growth

- ▶ JUSTICE plans and holds workshops for member library staffs in charge of e-resource-related contract.
- ▶ The Secretariat accepts OJT trainees under the NII On-the-Job Training System to foster human resources that will play central roles in the development of scholarly communication.
- ▶ JUSTICE provides information and other support to member library staff in charge of e-resource purchase and management.

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Public relations, information collection and other activities

- ▶ JUSTICE issues a newsletter “*jusmine*” to share information with member libraries.
- ▶ JUSTICE sends speakers to various external events to introduce the activities of JUSTICE.
- ▶ JUSTICE also sends university library staffs to international meetings of the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) for exchange of information with overseas consortiums.

JUSTICE is NOT a third party agency providing services to negotiate with publishers on behalf of the libraries. It is a university library consortium run by the voluntary participation of member libraries.



To ensure sustainability of our activities

4. Membership

JUSTICE is a membership organization that operates on the basis of membership fees.

Membership fee is determined according to classifications from A to C based on the total number of full-time faculty members and graduate school students.

CLASS	No. of full-time faculty members + graduate school students	Annual membership fee
A	5,001 ~	¥ 84,000
B	1,001 ~ 5,000	¥ 56,000
C	1 ~ 1,000	¥ 28,000

○ Purpose of collecting membership fee

Full-time staff members of the Secretariat are assigned from member libraries, and the labor cost of Secretariat staff is born by the assigning university.

Membership fee is collected from all member libraries and handed to universities assigning Secretariat members to mitigate their labor cost burden.

5. The two pillars that support JUSTICE activities

1 Support by member libraries

JUSTICE member libraries support JUSTICE activities not only through membership fees but also by providing human support for the Secretariat, Steering Committee and Working Groups and by sending OJT trainees.

2 Support by the National Institute of Informatics (NII)

NII provides the following support to JUSTICE activities based on the collaboration framework established between the Japanese Coordinating Committee for University Libraries and NII:

- ▶ Provision of a platform for the operation of the Secretariat (Library Liaison Cooperation Office in NII as a base for the Secretariat)
- ▶ Provision of office space and associated facilities
- ▶ Provision of basic operation costs for JUSTICE activities and utility costs pertaining to the above mentioned use of facilities

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