

## **Important changes for database access**

Dear Colleagues,

the “UV/Vis<sup>+</sup> Photochemistry Database” ([www.photochemistry.org](http://www.photochemistry.org)) contains currently almost 17000 spectra/datasheets and about 6500 graphical representations as well as other photochemical information for more than 3550 substances. Additional spectra/datasheets will be added weekly. The maintenance of the database is a tremendous and cost-intensive work. Nevertheless an important part of the database, the “Literature-Service” (datasheets with metadata such as publication, authors, source, wavelength range, temperature, pressure, phase etc.) is since 2000 (for almost 25 years) free-of-charge available for all interested users. Unfortunately, due to the increased costs of the database maintenance, we cannot continue to operate this as before. We have therefore decided to charge a very moderate usage fee for the “Literature-Service”. The usage fee will be charged from January 2025 and is staggered as follows: Commercial users (60 Euro/year), universities/public research facilities (40 Euro/year), individuals (20 Euro/year). We didn't make this decision easy for ourselves but this will help us to maintain and continually expand the “UV/Vis<sup>+</sup> Photochemistry Database” in the future. If you decide to subscribe before end of December 2024 we will give you a 25% discount for the first year. This offer is valid for both options (Literature-service, Spectra-service).

**However, all content included in the “Literature-service” up to December 2024 will remain freely available in the future.**

The subscription fee for the “Spectra-service” remain the same (see [https://science-softcon.de/spectra/sub\\_1.php](https://science-softcon.de/spectra/sub_1.php)).

We ask for your understanding and hope that the database can continue to support you in your daily work in the future. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our [helpdesk](#).

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