Getting your journal indexed and increase its impact and visibility





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Program

10:00-10:10 Challenges for journal editors (share your view)

10:10-10:40 Citation index criteria, its content policies and answering questions

10:40-11:05 Ways to improve the international visibility & impact of your journals

11:05-11:30 Journal metrics and how to use bibliometric tools for editors

11:30-12:00 Q&A Session (please use "Ask a question" function during seminar)





Journal indexation criteria and content policies

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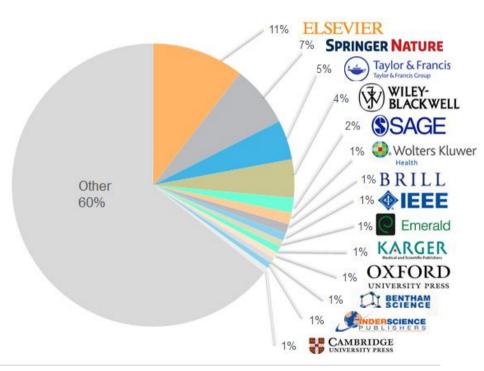
Why is it worthwhile to have your journal indexed?

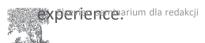
- Increased visibility and readership of the journal
- Facilitated access to good, international authors and reviewers
- Facilitated international collaboration expand your editorial or scientific board, publish high quality special issues



What does Scopus include?

- Scopus indexes journals published by more than 5000 international publishers in more than 40 languages
- Every journal indexed in Scopus is carefully evaluated by an independent board of experts.
- The Content Selection and Advisory Board (CSAB) is an independent board of subject experts from all over the world.
- Comprised of 17 Subject Chairs.
- Board members are chosen for their expertise
 in specific subject areas and publishing





What journals is the CSAB looking for?

- Set of requirements was designed to reflect the best practices in scholarly publishing
- Scopus wants to include the following sources:
 - With high quality and original content
 - Well edited and with longevity
 - Focused upon their roots and subject area(s)
 - Which make a significant, measurable and valued contribution to its target audience and subject area
 - Which are international/global in outlook but also valuable locally
 - Which are honest, ethical and focused on high quality and standards





Journal submission and evaluation

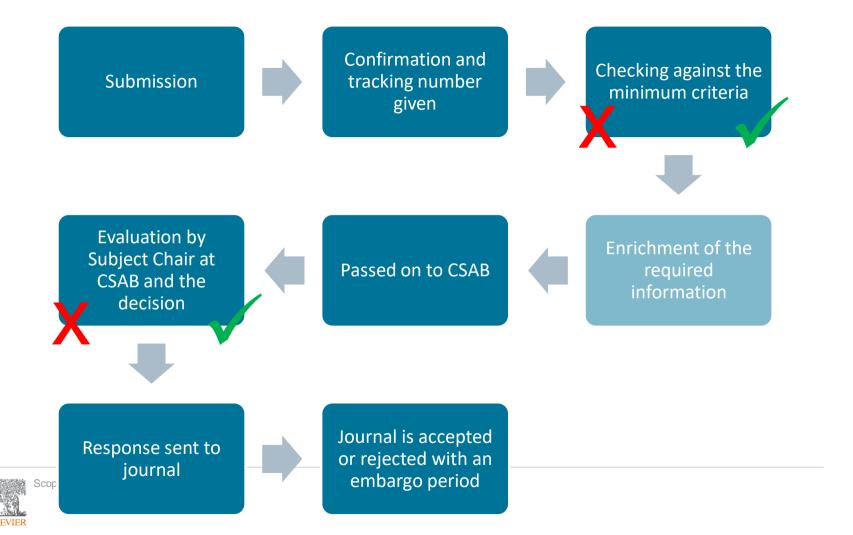
How to apply to have a journal indexed Scopus?

- Submissions are welcome all year long
- The following people can submit a journal for evaluation:
 - Publisher
 - Editor-in-Chief or the managing editor
 - Member of the editorial board (upon agreement with E-in-Ch)
- Before submitting the journal, ensure that the minimum criteria are fulfilled
- Journals can be submitted using the form:

http://suggestor.step.scopus.com/suggestTitle/step1.cfm

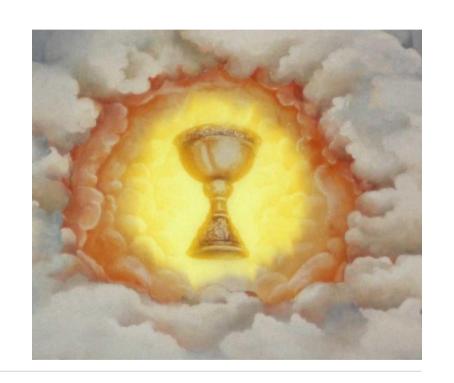
After a submission is received, a tracking ID is given and it can be used to track progress:
 http://suggestor.step.scopus.com/progressTracker/





The Golden Rule

Always check if your journal fulfils the minimum criteria before submission





Eligibility criteria

- Peer review in place
- >2 years and a registered ISSN
- English language: title, abstracts, keywords and journal website
 - Roman script references
 - On-line access to journal content
 - Publishing Ethics and Malpractice Statement



Journal Policy

- Convincing editorial policy
- Type of peer review
- Diversity in geographical distribution of editors*
- Diversity in geographical distribution of authors*

* - must be in line with the title, policy, subject and scope of the journal



Content

- Academic contribution to the field
- Clarity of abstracts
- Quality of and conformity to the stated aims and scope of the journal
- Readability of articles



Journal Standing

- Citedness of journal articles in Scopus
- Editor standing



Publishing Regularity

 No delays or interruptions in the publication schedule



Online Availability

- Full journal content available online
- English language journal home page available
- Quality of journal home page



The Decision

- The decision is the audited and sole responsibility of the Subject Chair of the CSAB. <u>Elsevier is not involved at all.</u>
- Overall, CSAB decides if the journal is suitable for accession to Scopus now, or at a reasonable interval in future, subject to evidence of improvement and response to CSAB recommendations and advice.
- Acceptance: journal listed with all fitting past content uploaded
- Rejection: qualified by option of resubmission in several months or up to 5 years, rarely never (but it happens)
- Both rejection and acceptance notices are accompanied by advice on strong aspects of the journal, as well as on its improvement
- Appeals are possible on procedural grounds and if submitted within 6 weeks



Ways to improve the international visibility & impact of your journals

Lessons from self-published journals

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Common Challenges: Does this sound

How can I improve my journal's quality?

How do I get more global visibility for my journal?

How can I recruit more submissions?

I need to speed up the peer review process.

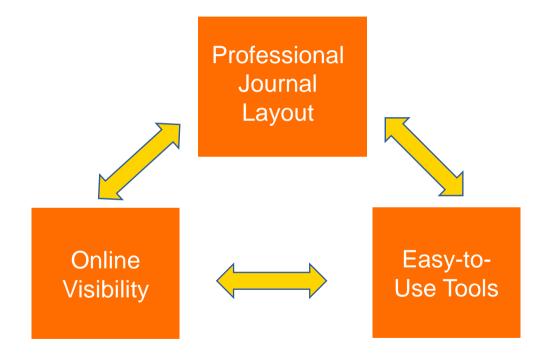
I don't know what impact my journal is having.

What are the requirements for getting indexed?



Any other?

Three key factors for success





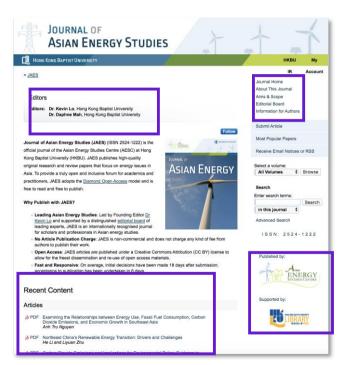
Professional journal layout

Your journal creates its own galactic

Articles Comments Data Multimedia Readership metrics Impact data



What every journal site should have



- Easily navigable site in English at least as option
- Clear statement of mission and focus
- Instructions for authors
- People behind the journal
- Content available online
- Publishing ethics statement



Meet technical and basic criteria of selective indexes like Web of

Science, Scopus, PubMed, and DOAJ Category Criteria **Technical Compliance** Peer-reviewed content English title, abstracts and keywords References in Roman script Basic Criteria Regular publication with ISSN Public publishing ethics statement **Advanced Criteria** Convincing editorial policy Type of peer review Journal Policy Diversity in geographical distribution of editors Diversity in geographical distribution of authors Academic contribution to the field Clarity of abstracts Content Quality of and conformity to the stated aims and scope of the journal Readability of articles **/** Citedness of journal articles Journal Standing Editor standing Publishing Regularity No delays or interruptions in the publication schedule ~ Full journal content available online Online Availability English language journal home page available Quality of journal home page

It ALL starts here



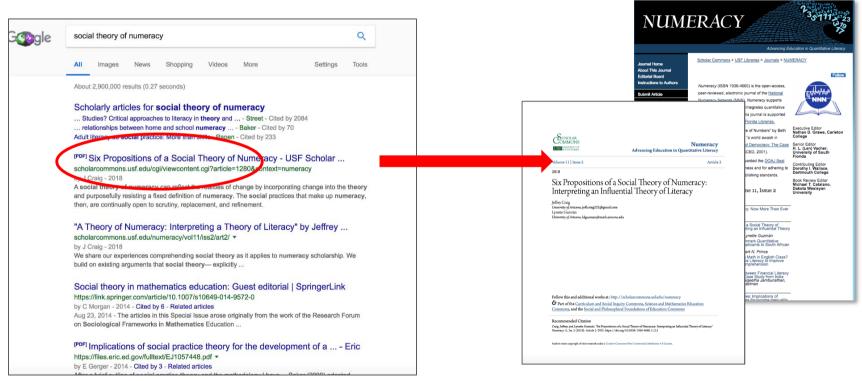


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Discoverability on the Open Web





Indexing Compliance







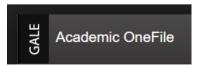












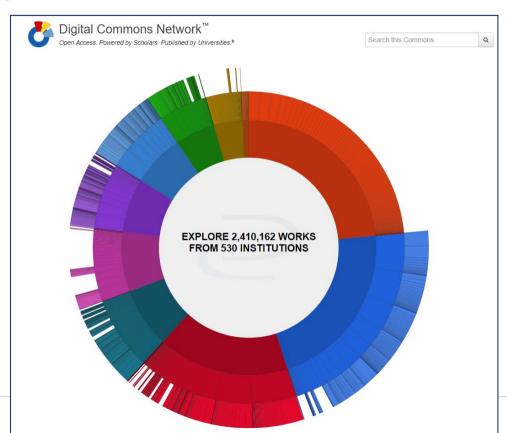






Open access – be part of the Network

- Is your journal in Open Access?
- This maximizes discoverability of the works
- "Digital Commons
 Network": one of the
 largest OA sites in the
 world with over 3.6M
 full-text articles



Automate your processes

Speed up the editorial and review process

Fully Customizable Workflows

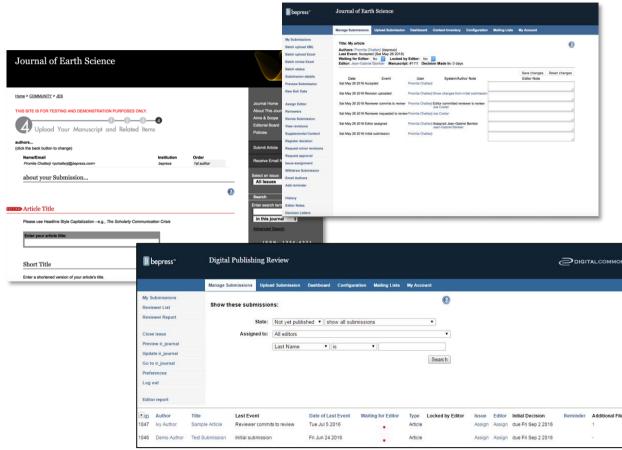
Double and single blind

Unique editor views

Multiple roles for editors

Automated reminders





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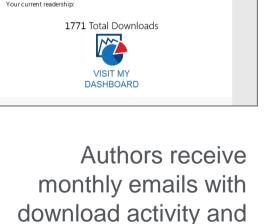
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Real-time downloads maps show global readership



Editor and Author Dashboards with granular data and reporting features



their own dashboard

readershipreport

Dear Author,

From: Digital Commons and Journal of

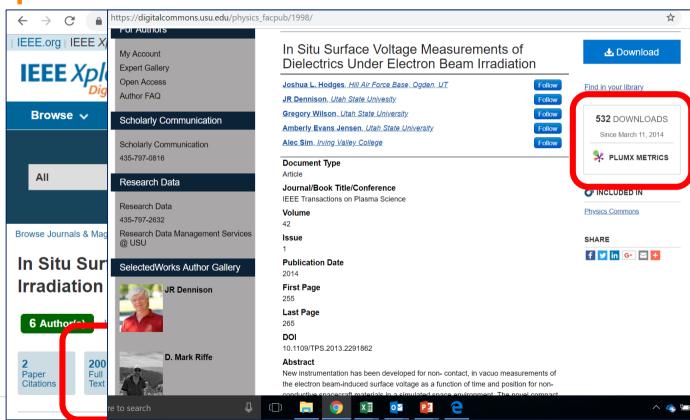
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Maximizing impact

- Institutions may have other ways of showing the impact of its research: downloads on publisher websites, citations, etc.
- But an institution can still <u>maximize</u> its impact by sharing the content
- In this example, an article from Utah State has 200 downloads on the IEEE site
- The <u>same</u> article has 500+ more downloads on its Digital Commons site



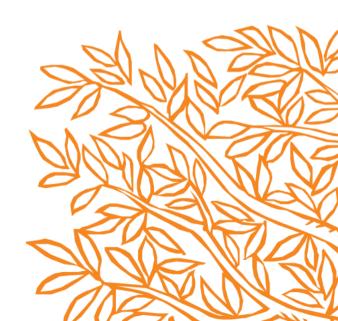
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Journal metrics and how to use bibliometric tools for editors





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Golden Rules for using bibliometrics

When used correctly, research metrics together with qualitative input give a balanced, multi-dimensional view for decision-making

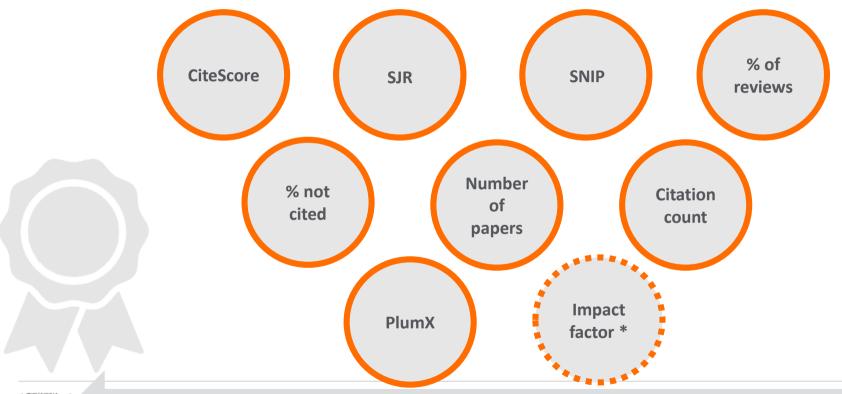
Always use **both qualitative** and quantitative input into

Always use more than one research metric as the **quantitative** input

your decisions

Scopus: how to choose a good journal wisely?

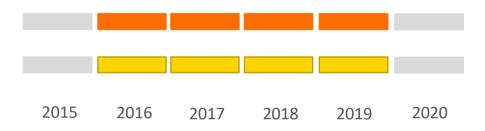
Bibliometric indicators: a basket of metrics





Use these over time: Scopus Compare Source tool

CiteScore



$$CiteScore\ 2019 = \frac{Citations\ between\ 2016\ and\ 2019}{Documents\ published\ between\ 2016\ and\ 2019}$$

- This metric counts the citations received in past 4 years to articles, reviews, conference papers,
 book chapters and data papers published in the same timeframe, and divides this by the number of publications published in these 4 years.
- The same documents are included in the nominator and denominator.
- The value depends on the discipline.
- Currently more than 24k journals and more than
 700 book series have CiteScore.



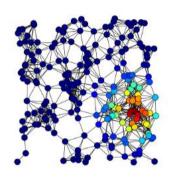
Elsevier: seminarium dla redakcji

SNIP – Source Normalized Impact per Paper



- Developed by CWTS, **University of Leiden** in The Netherlands.
- Measures **contextual citation impact** by weighting citations based on the **total number of citations in a subject field**.
- The **impact** of a single **citation** is given **higher value** in subject **areas** where citations are **less likely**, and vice versa.
- It's a **normalized parameter**, thus it allows to compare journals **across disciplines**.

SJR – SCImago Journal Rank



- Developed by SCImago, Spain.
- A **prestige metric** that can be applied to journals, book series and conference proceedings.
- It bases on the **eigenvector network theory** nodes may have different "value" or "weight".
- With SJR, the **subject field**, **quality and reputation** of the journal have a **direct effect** on the **value of a citation**.





What should you remember when using metrics?

- Review articles are typically cited more often than original research articles (of course, there are exceptions!). Journals which publish more reviews may have higher citation-based metrics and that is why it is important to check the share of review articles published in a journal.
- Self-citations to a journal are a natural occurrence but may also be extorted or
 procured by the editors in order to boost citation-based metrics (a highly
 unethical conduct!). Large and popular journals usually have a large share of selfcitations; this also applies to journals from narrow disciplines.



What should you remember when using metrics?

- In case of **small journals**, you should use all metrics with caution, as they may not be objective and may be distorted. Caution is advised when using bibliometric parameters for evaluation of journals with less than 50 papers (according to CWTS from University of Leiden).
- **Distribution of citations across papers** is also important. All bibliometric parameters represent average values, therefore when choosing a journal it is best to review the list of articles and their citation counts. A significant disproportion in citation distribution is a warning sign.



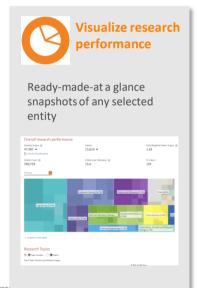


Using metrics in Scopus



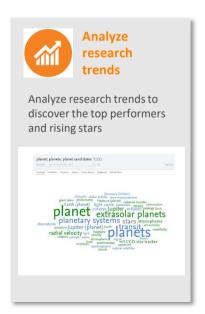
SciVal in a nutshell

SciVal provides access to the research performance of over 18,000 research institutions and their associated researchers from more than 230 nations worldwide











Which data sources feed into SciVal?





Metrics available in SciVal by metric theme











Metrics available in SciVal in other themes

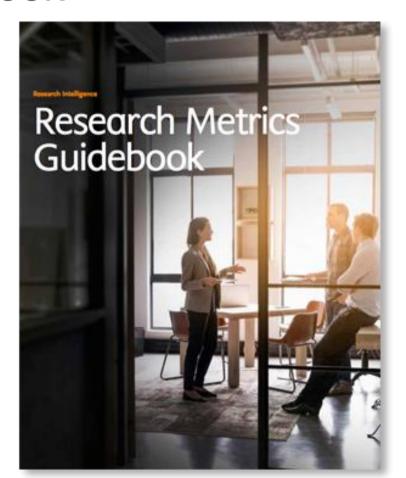
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A. Funding	Awards	Awards Volume
B. Outputs	Productivity of research outputs	Scholarly Output Number, Type and Growth Subject Area Count
	Visibility of communication channels	Publications in Top Journal Percentiles
C. Research Impact	Research influence	 Citations Count Field-Weighted Citation Impact Outputs in Top Citations Percentiles Citations per publication Cited publications In-indices Number of citing countries Views Count Outputs in Top Views Percentiles Views per Publication Field-Weighted Views Impact
	Knowledge transfer	Academic-Corporate Collaboration Citing-Patents Count Patent-Cited Count
D. Engagement	Academic network	Collaboration Collaboration Impact
	Non-academic network	Academic-Corporate Collaboration Academic-Corporate Collaboration Impact
	Expertise transfer	Academic-Corporate Collaboration Citing-Patents Count Patent-Cited Count
E. Societal Impact	Societal Impact	Academic-Corporate Collaboration Citing-Patents Count Patent-Cited Scholarly Output Patent-Citations Count Mass Media Media Exposure Field-Weighted Mass Media

Research Metrics Guidebook

This comprehensive metrics guidebook is intended to be a straightforward, practical companion for you to find the right metrics to meet your objectives.

- Understanding metrics
 - Scopus as data source
- Selection of appropriate metrics
 - What affects their values, besides performance?
- For each metric
 - · Situations in which they are useful
 - When to take care and how to address short-comings
 - Worked examples

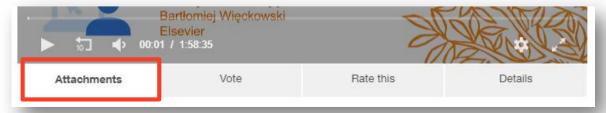
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