

EAJEM

Eurasian Journal of Emergency Medicine

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Editorial

Yes, here comes EAJEM finally with its September issue. We present to you with our new name and cover. In order to be a regional journal, worthy of our name of Eurasia, half of our editorial team were chosen among internationally successful academicians. I thank them one by one for accepting our proposal and more importantly, for their contributions to our journal. To be honest, I did not expect that much. Seeing their efforts has encouraged us much more and let us set our goals higher.

The communication level of a journal with its academic community determines the status of that journal in the community. One of the most important problems of journal publishing is the low rate of published articles' being read. Articles prepared, written and published with a heavy heart are really read by the author himself/herself (I intentionally do not say 'authors!') and journal referees. Starting with this issue, we also present full texts of local articles in Turkish based on the fact that 'the primary goal of journals is to be read'.

EAJEM and WoS (Web of Science)

A short while ago, we shared a good news with our readers: the content of our journal would be seen in WoS as of the beginning of 2016. On the occasion of this success, I would like to express my gratitude to all previous editorial team members and in particular to Prof. Dr. Cuma Yıldırım, who contributed to the journal's coming to these days.

After mentioning the developments related to WoS and ESCI, I would like to answer some questions addressed to me on the subject.

What is WoS?

Web of Science, which was established by the Thomson Reuters company, is a database performing citation analyses, like Elsevier's Scopus, which was established with the same purpose but is not as popular and widespread as WoS. WoS is one of the strongest citation indices in the world and it includes 24,700 journals and 55 million articles since 1898. By including new promising journals and removing the journals with notably decreased performances from the system, the scope of WoS is always updated.

What is ESCI (Emerging Sources Citation Index)?

ESCI is a new index developed in the Core Collection of WoS and it will come into service at the beginning of 2016. The Turkish equivalent of ESCI is 'Gelişen Kaynaklar Atıf İndeksi'. Thomson Reuters is restructuring the database of WoS, which covers SCI and SCIE. They are planning to establish ESCI index and increase the number of journals, which is 24,700 at present. For instance, SCI can be considered as the premier league, SCIE as the major league, and newly established ESCI as the minor league. Here, the aim is to expand the regional content of WoS and to increase the amount of searchable and explorable data.

How are the journals chosen for ESCI?

Thomson Reuters select these journals according to some criteria. The basic four criteria are given below:

- Journals with externally-peer reviewer
- Journals following the principles of ethical publication
- Having a content that is highly interesting for the academic community (researchers, funders, research assistants, etc.)
- Contents meeting technical requirements of Thomson Reuters.

If we submit a paper to EAJEM and it is accepted, will it be viewed in WoS?

Because September and December 2015 issues of our journal are already ready, all articles that will be accepted from now on will be published in the issues of 2016. The authorities of the Thomson Reuters company has stated that ESCI will start at the beginning of 2016. Considering the commitments of the company, the answer to this question is 'yes'.

As EAJEM, one of our most important goals in the short term is to place in PubMed. For this aim, we must publish high-quality studies. I have learned how difficult to administer a journal since I became a chief editor. I sometimes have to say even to my closest friends that "we cannot accept your article for publication in our journal". I hope they understand me. As a journal, we have a strong editorial team and editorial board. We will pull out all the stops for making our journal prominent in scientific arena.

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