



Bibliometrics, Measurements and Research Evaluation

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Message from the Guest Editors

In the last decade, there has been an increase in the use of bibliometrics as a proxy for the assessment of research quality. This is in part driven by the popularity of league tables and their appetite for simple—some would say simplistic—measures. However, the exponential rise of both on-line open access research publications and social media has produced a new and unexpected set of new alternative non-traditional metrics. These include all forms of traceable interest in scholarly and scientific publications (Webometrics), whether they are views and downloads, number of tweets, media and policy papers references, Facebook pages, blog mentions, etc.

Within this new world of open access, big data, and social media, one wonders about the future of the measurement of research publication quality. Within this context, we would like to invite colleagues to submit papers for this special issue to pull together a body of work that will underpin research evaluation in all its many facets. We welcome technically-oriented research on bibliometrics as well as more qualitative work on conceptualising the measurement of research quality.

